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Newsbriefs



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Painted mural depicting leader Yasser Arafat is his former headquarters in Ramallah, Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Yasser Arafat dies at 75

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Yasser Arafat, who spent much of his life in the spotlight but failed to achieve his quest for Palestinian statehood, died Thursday at age 75. He was the end of a long era of Palestinian leadership, a statesman, a peacemaker, a cabinet minister and a leader confirmed to the Arab world after spending his last days in a coma at a French hospital outside Paris.

Republicans chosen to lead Ashcroft

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has chosen House counsel Alberto Gonzales, a Texas confidant and a prominent figure in the administration, to succeed Attorney General John Ashcroft. Gonzales, who worked close to the White House, said Wednesday. The move comes after Ashcroft's resignation was announced. House spokesman McClellan said.

Interest rate point raise

Federal Reserve

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy expanded at a respectable pace, but the Fed is inclined to spend, Reserve policy can feel comfortable boosting short-term rates for a fourth year. That's the message among economists. The Fed will stay on the current path, the Fed Chairman Greenspan and his colleagues want to continue a key rate from 1 to 1.25 percent. Now that the economy's recovery from the recession is more solid.

U.S. Start Ivory Coast Evacuations

MONROVIA, Ivory Coast (AP) — The United States on Tuesday began evacuating thousands of Americans trapped for days by attacks targeting civilians and troops in the West African nation. Television aired fiery images of the French troops. Ivory Coast's largest rescue foreigners, boats to pluck some off the banks of the lagoons.

Student activity fee ready for Regent approval

By SARAH SWEDBERG
University News Editor

The idea of boosting entertainment on campus to include bands, performers and an array of campus activities has not slipped the mind of Student Senate President Chase Cornett.

"Over the summer and early this fall, we have been working on making additions and modifications to the proposal so that it fulfilled the requests of the Board of Regents," he said. "So that whenever we go to present it to the Board of Regents we've addressed all their concerns that they had the last time we presented the activities fee."

Last April, students voted twice through two different referendums on

WebStar. Both times they approved the fee which was to be \$30 per full-time student and \$15 per part-time student, per fall and spring trimester.

However, when Student Senate took that proposal to the Board of Regents, the group wanted a few more logistics on how the fee would be implemented, where Senate arrived at the numbers and how the activities would be staffed.

"The Board wanted to make sure that the allocation of the funds would be equitable and they wanted to know how we were going to staff the activities," said Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs. "They wanted some assurance."

Now, after a few minor tweaks to the fee, the total cost is \$35 per student per fall and spring trimester. This fee would only encompass all

full-time and part-time students who take classes that are on campus.

"We discussed the option of having a different fee for full- and part-time students, but it didn't really make sense, because as a part-time student they aren't actually taking as many classes and could have the opportunity to attend just as much as the full time students who take twice as many classes and having twice as many hours," Cornett said. "We decided that to be as fair as possible, all students would be accessed the same fee equally."

Those students who will be excluded from the fee, he said, include high school dual enrollment, outreach graduate students and online-only students.

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Generations of SACRIFICE

Iraq war veteran returns to pre-war college life

By AARON BAILEY
Community News Editor

As Northwest freshman Brad Cox prepares for the final flurry of assignments that every student experiences toward the end of the semester, he marvels at the comments he hears about pressure.

"People always talk about how college is stressful," Cox, 22, said shaking his head with a light smile. "There's nothing stressful about it. Compared to being overseas, it's nothing."

Cox knows a little about stress. As a member of the 52nd Engineer's Battalion for the U.S. Army, he was one of the first soldiers to enter Iraq on March 15, 2003.

"I'm not going to lie, it was scary," he said. "But I was a sergeant and had command over eight

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PHOTO BY COLEYOUNG/SPORTS EDITOR
Iraq war veteran and Northwest freshman Brad Cox, left, jokes with freshman Aaron Black while practicing for the track team. Cox spent a year in Iraq with the Army's 52nd Engineer's Battalion, one of the first units to enter the country when the invasion began in March 2003.

POW credits other heroes

By ABBY SIMONS
Editor in Chief

It was 1982 when Donald Sandford and his wife, Mary Jane, visited what remained of Germany's Dachau Concentration Camp. More than four decades after the end of World War II, the smell of burning flesh still lingered in the air.

For Sandford, a World War II prisoner of war, seeing the horrors faced by Jews at the hands of the Nazis—and knowing he played a small part in ending it—only reaffirmed the rewards of his service.

"During that war, there were very specific issues regarding what needed to be done, and we did what we had to do," said Sandford, 85. "I didn't feel particularly proud of what I did, but we were happy that we got it all to stop."

Just as he does every Nov. 11, today Sandford will pull his American flag from the closet and, without ceremony, display it outside his Maryville home. The gesture is the extent of his Veteran's Day celebration.

It's clear that Sandford doesn't consider himself a hero. The retired Northwest professor of music, father and

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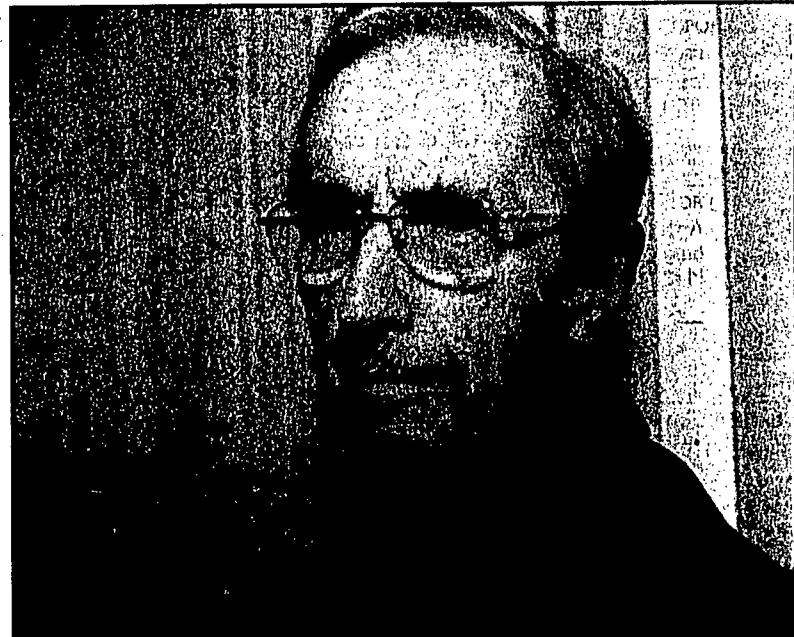


PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
After serving six months as a prisoner of war in Germany, World War II veteran Donald Sandford opts instead to pass the glory where it's due. "I really don't think about it that much," the retired Northwest music professor said.

Sunday Night Lights

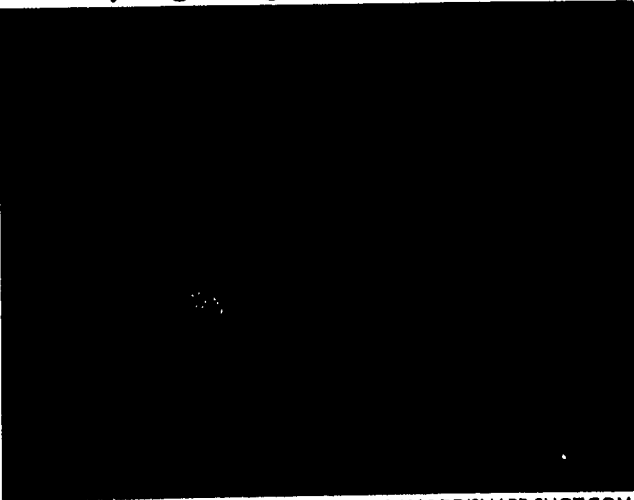


PHOTO BY CODY SNAPP/SHOOT.COM
Typically rare to Missouri residents, the Northern Lights have been repeatedly sighted in the area. This photo, taken early Monday morning south of Maryville, captured a spectacular 15-minute display.

New drug possession laws may affect student financial aid

By ASHLEY BALLY
Missourian Reporter

A groundbreaking new law passed in Columbia, Mo. last week has led to speculation of the future of drug prosecution.

Voters passed new legislation regarding the consequences of marijuana possession. Under Proposition 2 anyone found with possession of up to 1.25 ounces will be sent directly to municipal court. Penalties will include a maximum \$250 fine. Other penalties may include community service, or a drug education course. Anyone found guilty will not be faced with a criminal record. This

prevents them from losing their financial aid, or being denied aid in the future.

The support stems from groups working to prevent students from losing financial aid due to a drug conviction. Attempts at similar legislation may become an issue to watch for on the ballot in the next statewide election.

"I hate to see any student because of a mistake with drugs lose federal aid," said State Rep. Chuck Graham, who supports the legislation. "I don't believe students should lose aid at a time when higher education is so unaffordable."

According to Graham, similar ordinances will probably become an

issue in college towns across the state, rather than a large statewide issue.

Currently, 157,000 students have lost their financial aid since 1998. In addition, 30,000 students are added every year.

Proposition 2 passed with 61 percent of the voters in Columbia.

Police Chief Randy Boehm spoke out against Proposition 2, citing that it would take away department discretion on drug cases by sending them directly to municipal court, and forcing them to split multiple charges a suspect may face.

"If we arrested an individual for a state misdemeanor assault, and found marijuana on him we origi-

nally would have sent both cases to state," said Boehm. "Now the charges must be split and tried separately."

Similar versions of Proposition 2 had been on the ballot in the past, and had repeatedly been denied. The most recent version appeared on the ballot in April 2003. According to Langston, the initiatives of the proposition had been altered significantly, including a larger fine.

"We had a much clearer message this time, and people had a better idea of why they should vote for it," Langston said. "In the past, the community may have had the impression that the wrong message would be sent to the public."

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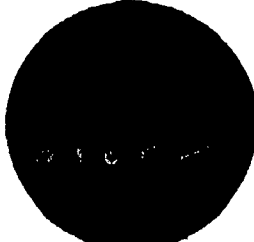


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Dewhirst recalls tour in Vietnam

By SARAH SWEDBERG
University News Editor

As a public affairs officer in the Vietnam War, Robert Dewhirst did not fight with guns and artillery. Instead, he described the battles to several soldiers with a camera and typewriter.

"As I tell my students, I have no war stories to tell," said Dewhirst, professor in the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department. "So I won't try and pawn myself off as some kind of Rambo or something, because I wasn't."

For Dewhirst, Veteran's Day reminds him of all the lives the Vietnam War wrecked and all the suffering that occurred.

"And when they talk about survivor's remorse, I think that's too strong, but it's something in the neighborhood in the

sense that I didn't do anything to deserve to come out of that without being damaged," he said. "Whereas a lot of people that were every bit as innocent as I was got damaged, physically, emotionally and killed. In that sense, I always kind of find it very sobering."

But in hindsight, Dewhirst says he experienced another culture, while at the same time seeing the affects of war with-

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out going through the nightmare.

While on his eight-month stay in Vietnam, Dewhirst traveled around the country, wrote stories and took photographs.

"Normally in the military, you're going to be confined to military districts and so you go within your region," he said. "But with the Signal Corps, we traveled the entire country. We did all the communications for everybody, everywhere."

He also experienced the politics and the business of the Vietnamese people, along with the rest of the oriental culture.

For instance, the city of Saigon was built for 350,000 people, but the Vietnamese city had a population close to 3.5 million.

"Basically they were just refugees from the rural areas that were getting killed by either us or the Vietcong," Dewhirst said. "So they all worked their way to where their families lived."

He saw how they lived, confined in small apartments and gathering food to eat from the garbage heaps.

"The closer I got to the north, I think the more anti-American feelings there were," Dewhirst said. "You could feel the way they looked at you when you drove by, the animosity."

Because of this, G.I.'s, like him had problems with the Vietnamese stealing from them.

But that was not the only problem Dewhirst experienced and even wrote about.

"There was a serious drug problem over there, and we did a story on it and how they were trying to get people dry," he said. "And people would become ad-



PHOTO BY EMILY JACKSON/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Robert Dewhirst, professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science, served in Vietnam for eight months. The experience taught him the value of different cultures.

dicted rather quickly. Anybody that got between them and their drugs, they would kill them."

Overall, Dewhirst said his duty was easy compared to that of others.

"It was just by sheer luck, because we had two captains that had all the responsibilities," he said.

After Dewhirst left Vietnam in 1972, he returned to the United States to serve

in the Illinois National Guard as a public affairs officer.

Dewhirst's 10 years off and on in the military taught him how to appreciate different cultures.

"I urge everyone to get to know a different kind of culture, I don't care what it is, as long as it's different," he said. "You really don't appreciate what your culture is, until you're around another one."

Draft still reality for students

By JARED HOFFMAN
Chief Reporter

Though a recent bill aimed at stating the wartime draft was actually struck down last month, the possibility of its return has many community members speaking out.

The bill, sponsored by Congress Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.), was in the House of Representatives for a vote of 2-402. The rejection of the draft's return for the time being, the very possibility has garnered action from community members.

Mark Corson, a Northwest professor of geography, was commissioned as a regular Army officer graduating from the University of San Francisco in 1983 and remains in duty to this day. Corson recently returned from a stint in Iraq.

Corson's more than 20 years of military experience has given him a perspective regarding some prospects of reinstating the draft.

"Historically, the draft does have good components to it," Corson said. "In many cases it caused people who would have met other people to be forced to meet."

Corson said he also foresaw negative implications resulting from the draft's return.

"I've already got volunteers who signed on the dotted line who do go and do their duty," Corson said. "God forbid I should have a lot of people who got drafted and sent to war, that would be a tragedy."

Corson said more than 5,000 were recently called to duty and one-third never showed up, with requesting medical deferments. Corson described this as "a horrific thing" and said he was fortunate during his Iraq tour to be surrounded by willing soldiers.

"They all wanted to go and the situation was outstanding, we could whip up on anybody," Corson said. "That is why we have a fantastic situation."

Some Northwest students are more aware of the possibility of a draft. Diana Hendricks, a senior public relations major, has been involved with the ROTC program for over two years, as well as military training once a month.

Hendricks said she too sees problems if the draft were to be reinstated.

"I think a draft could be a bad way of having someone who doesn't want to be there. They could really bring morale down," Hendricks said. "On the other hand, I think it would be good if everyone could have experienced military so they would know what it's like to defend their country."

Missouri State Rep. Brad Ligon agrees with the notion that a draft would do more to hinder the military than to improve it.

"Experts both inside and outside the armed forces will tell you the military is working very well," Ligon said. "I think that in today's environment where people are leading our country, getting the mission done, there is no need to reinstate the draft."

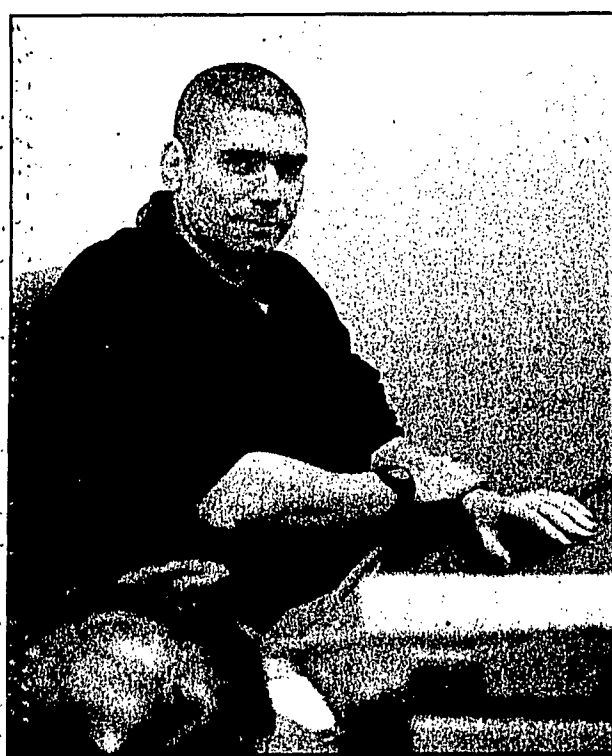


PHOTO BY EMILY JACKSON/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Geography professor Mark Corson has served in the military for 21 years, including a stint in Iraq. During his company's 100 day tour in Iraq, they saw oil fires, heroic efforts from their fellow soldiers and were fired on multiple times.

Professor learns while serving in Iraq

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

Veterans Day is often viewed as a day of remembrance for those who have fought in historic wars like WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. Even Desert Storm seems too close to remember the veterans at times.

But geography professor Mark Corson, or Lt. Col. Corson, as he's known at his other job, believes that everyone, even those fighting in Iraq today, should be remembered.

"I think it's particularly important now, because most people do not have a direct connection to the military," said Corson who recently returned from Iraq. "I think that the citizenry, who has been fantastic at showing support for the troops, needs to take a moment to reflect. There are some real heroes out there who are in really horrid places. Way too many of those folks have sacrificed their lives, they should be recognized."

Corson commands the Army's 450th Movement Control Battalion from Manhattan, Kan. and has served for his country for the past 21

years, 11 years on active duty and 10 years as a reserve.

His battalion was mobilized for Iraq Feb. 10, 2003. They were in Kuwait by April 1, 2003 and about 36 hours later they were in Iraq.

"It was tough, but it was also very exciting," Corson said. "We had been training for it for a long time and we had actually expected to go quite a few months before."

While in Iraq, Corson and his battalion saw things like oil fires and weathered temperatures up to 142 degrees as well as dust storms, but one thing stuck out in his mind.

"What I saw mostly, was a lot of great young Americans who were doing phenomenal things under really horrid conditions," Corson said.

Corson says his battalion was shot at numerous times during the 100 days they were in Iraq, but none of his troops were ever hurt and they never fired upon their attackers.

"We did get shot at, everyone wants to know that," Corson said. "People would spray off a burst at us from amongst civilians hoping we would shoot back at the civilians, and the troops were fantastically disciplined."

While in Iraq, Corson said the morale of

the troops was high as they believed they were doing a good for the country by searching for weapons of mass destruction and removing Saddam from power.

"There was a real feeling of euphoria when we captured (Saddam)," Corson said. "My guys framed a front page of the Stars and Stripes with Saddam just after he had come out of the hole. I still think we're doing the right thing, but it's tough."

Corson believes that America belongs in Iraq and that the war will protect America's security in the future.

"We have to stay the course, because if we allow Iraq to fall into a three way civil war and anarchy reigns, we'll have the same circumstance we had in Afghanistan," he said. "It's a perfect womb for terrorism and they'll be using Iraq to plan their next attack against us."

One the day to remember those that have fought for the freedoms of America and others around the world, Corson wants people to recognize those who have served.

"I think that Veterans Day is important," he said. "It's always been important, but it's particularly important now."

Local resident recalls anxiety of WWII home front

By DENNIS SHARKEY
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Helen Gorsuch of Maryville looks out her living room window trying to find another word besides tough. She can't.

Gorsuch, a retired teacher, was 21 in 1941, when the United States entered World War II after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. During the war, she had three brothers serving overseas, including her brother Pat Gorsuch, who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Pat was drafted into the Army, but brothers John and Donald both enlisted in the Navy and performed duties in the Pacific. Luckily all three returned home.

Gorsuch feels that war is something

that should be avoided at all cost.

"War is hell. We ought to do everything we can to stay out of war, because the price we pay is too big," Gorsuch said.

Gorsuch, a teacher during the war, said the feeling back home in the United States was somber.

"Your mind was on the war, but you had to go ahead and do the teaching," Gorsuch said.

She also said that sometimes school would be dismissed so she could go give blood or issue rationing stamps for things like sugar and gasoline.

"It was tough, things were scarce," Gorsuch said. "Many of the things

that we got from other places, we couldn't get into the country. During the war everything stopped and turned to supplying the war."



Helen Gorsuch

at the time," Gorsuch said. "You never knew when you would get the word that someone was gone, because an awful lot of them were killed."

Gorsuch said the atmosphere surrounding the war back then is quite different than it is today.

"A lot of people today are against the war in Iraq, but I don't think anybody thought like that back then," Gorsuch said. "Back then there was an all-out effort behind the war. We thought if we didn't then they would hurt us."

Gorsuch believes that today's attitudes are different because our government is more involved in foreign affairs today than what it was in the 1940s.

"We weren't as anxious to change other people in the world like we are today," Gorsuch said. "We're not going to change those people."

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History of Veterans Day

Nov. 11 is the anniversary of the Armistice which, was signed in the Forest of Champagne by the Allies and the Germans in 1918, ending World War I, after four years of conflict.

After World War II, there were many new veterans who had little or no association with World War I. In Emporia, Kansas, on Nov. 11, 1953, instead of an Armistice Day program, there was a Veterans' Day observance. Ed Rees, of Emporia, was so impressed that he introduced a bill into the House to change the name to Veterans' Day. The name was changed to Veterans' Day by Act of Congress on May 24, 1954.

Source: Patriotism.org

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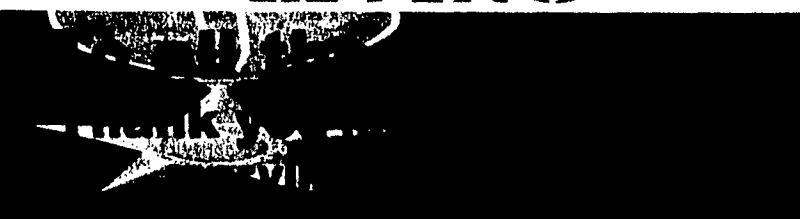
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Our View

Moral dangers

The peril is visible as laws take effect that protect American professionals who impose their values on others.

It's becoming more obvious that a silent war is brewing between religious conservatives and those who believe in the separation of church and state.

With Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" during last year's Super Bowl serving as the inauspicious catalyst, a majority of Americans have begun to question the direction of our nation's moral compass. But we are concerned—particularly under our current Administration—that our federal and state governments are beginning to dictate a so-called "moral code" by passing questionable legislation.

A law that went into effect in Mississippi last July allows healthcare providers—including pharmacists—deny procedures or prescriptions if it conflicts with their conscience or moral standpoint, with the stipulation that the pharmacist or professional should transfer the prescription to another pharmacist. South Dakota and Arkansas already have similar laws, and 10 states are either considering or have considered legislation.

But a problem arose when a woman in Fort Worth, Texas was denied her birth control pills by a pharmacist who didn't believe in the practice and refused to refer her to another pharmacist. In February, another Texas woman, who claimed to be a rape victim, was denied contraceptives. Texas currently has no law allowing pharmacists to pass judgement on what they believe to be acceptable behavior.

This is just one example where state laws have begun to infringe on federally acceptable practices. Last week, 11 states overwhelmingly passed bans on gay marriage. A U.S. constitutional ban still looms on the proverbial horizon.

There are few things more un-American than diminishing citizens' rights by browbeating religious beliefs or morals on people who are just trying to live in a society where the pursuit of happiness used to be held in high regard.

Personal freedom and privacy were essential ideals of the architects of the Constitution had when drafting the document that is currently under assault, and are woven into the very fabric of America. Starting to dictate religious views with legislation could lead to the unraveling of that fabric.

And what makes even less sense than the argument that a select few know what's best for the majority, is that these supposed "morals" are completely contradictory to the very teachings in the Holy Bible, like embracing differences and loving your fellow man.

These have all but been cast aside out of mass hysteria that the country is falling to pieces and that the biggest threat to the U.S. is Janet Jackson's right breast. The only thing threatening this great nation are these laws that the rights of one human being should take precedence over those of another—then justifying the laws with a vague or ambiguous passage from the Bible. Insulting not only to those whose civil liberties were violated, but also to basic Christian principles, long since lost in radical right hysteria.

Disagreeing with someone's views, ideas or lifestyle perfectly acceptable. What isn't imposing your beliefs with our legislative system.

One of the constitution's sole purposes is to protect people's rights, not to restrict them.

Religion is a beautiful human innovation. It can give us hope, love, respect and can make us better than we are. Nature has sometimes shown us. But believing that one's beliefs are superior to another's can be extremely dangerous—our history has shown us that much.

And while this silent war will surely be fought for years to come, it is vitally important that we don't lose sight as to what the purpose of the legislative system actually is, an entity that creates laws to that aid every citizen in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Not a tool of one-upmanship in the name of piety.



Honor veterans by protecting the VA

As a staff member of the liberal rag *The Northwest Missourian* is so affectionately accused of being, I'd be lying if I called myself a fan of our newly reelected president.

But as Veterans Day comes and goes—this one striking a stronger chord than in recent years thanks to the ongoing conflict in Iraq—there may be reason to thank him.

Throughout the democratic primaries and presidential campaign, President George W. Bush endured lambasting for allegedly cutting the budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in turn leaving our nation's heroes without much-needed medical care and governmental assistance.

Taking the accusations for truth, I was incensed. I'm proud to be the sister of a disabled armed forces veteran who continues to receive medical benefits. When it comes to the point about citizens caring most about what affects them and those they love, I was a case in point.

So, while beginning to research what was originally to be a rant against Bush with a visit to the non-partisan Web site factcheck.org, I was surprised to find the allegations to be far from the truth.

In reality, it appears that funding for veterans is increasing twice as fast under the Bush Administration as it did under Clinton, with the number of veterans receiving ben-

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Abby Simons

efits increasing by 25 percent.

It appears easy to attribute this to the growing numbers of veterans currently returning home from a questionably just war, but current numbers reflect that a growing number of middle-income Americans are turning to the VA for prescription drug benefits.

Still, however, there's cause for concern.

Not only are several veterans groups asking for nearly \$4 billion more than the Bush administration is preparing to ask of Congress, but the applications of some of those same middle-income veterans have been turned away. If this is the case, what does the future hold for our current conflict—with no end in sight—yields thousands of veterans sorely in need of benefits?

There's no doubt this will happen. The

U.S. death toll in Iraq stands at 1,147 as of press time. Current numbers show about 8,120 soldiers wounded in action—4,500 who did not immediately return to duty, if at all. These numbers remain relatively low because of the increased quality of medical care in Iraq—in essence, those who used to die are now surviving.

But that doesn't stop them from coming home crippled, maimed, paralyzed or enduring other life-changing injuries. Additionally, unlike past wars, a draft has yet to be reinstated. A volunteer army yields more military families. How will they be supported if the primary breadwinner returns home paralyzed, or worse?

Regardless of one's stance on the war, it becomes much more realistic as the war continues that, in only years, the Iraqi war veterans will undoubtedly become today's Vietnam veterans.

It's clear that, these days, it takes far more than a yellow ribbon decal on one's car to honor the men and women who have given so much for us. It's imperative that we honor them this Veterans Day and every day by demanding this administration and those in the future bear foresight when it comes to caring for our veterans. Regardless of positions on this war or any other, it's only the least we can do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jesus in 2008: Oh, the possibilities

Throughout what many consider the most important election of our lifetime, the frequently asked question was, "Who are you going to vote for president?"

"I am going to vote for Jesus," a woman informed me as I was volunteering one evening at a phone bank. "I'm going to write it in."

The very least I can do is contemplate an endorsement.

If Jesus ran, we know he'd face negative spin not unlike Bush or Kerry. Of course our man would likely turn the other cheek and not throw any mud back. Really, what would Jesus think about swift boat ads?

Sure there may be those constitutional-loving critics that would cry conflict of interest and separation of church and state. Can you imagine slamming the same revolving door we hold open for the former CEO of Halliburton, on Jesus' face? Frankly, that is discrimination.

It would only be logical of me to consider that every president has been a wealthy

older white man. While many pictures paint different portraits of the holy pauper, from a ripped, blond-haired blue-eyed savior to the hippie birkenstocked love maker.

So, the idea is really growing on me. Think about it, what if we voted for Jesus?

Jesus would give voters a clear choice on real issues. Our campaign's doctrine which has endured the test of time holds the solutions and answers for the most complex policies:

"Hey Jesus, what on Earth do we about foreign policy, the war on terror, Iraq?"

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

"Are you serious, Jesus? Don't you ever listen to Toby Keith?"

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

"What about wasteful spending on social programs?"

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger

and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

"Yeah, right, Jesus. I bet if I asked you about those tax cuts for the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans, you'd have the gull to try to tell me you forbid the economic oppression of the poor and weak."

I can only imagine the boost we'll bring to the economy as Urban Outfitters hits record sales of "Jesus is my Homeboy" shirts. The youth and urban vote is ours!

Seriously - this campaign deserves some genuine contemplation. I credit that my fellow Americans may be on to something.

I can't think of a man to better represent my liberal values.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Student offers sincere thank you to voters

I am writing to congratulate all of the Americans that got out this year to vote. This year set a record of voter turnout and I hope to see in the future greater numbers. It does not matter if you voted for the winner or the loser but rather you spoke your mind.

It is very exciting to see how many new voters were involved in this election. But there is one thing that I am waiting for—certain people to come out and also con-

gratulate America on a job well done. For the past month and probably more than that, I have heard from MTV, P. Diddy, Michael Moore, and many other celebrities encouraging people to vote.

Now my question is where are they now? America came out to vote due to their encouragement, but where are their thanks? Is it because they wanted Kerry to win and the only way they thought to get this done was to encourage more vot-

ers? If so, then they were using the American youth for their own political advantage. So why are these celebrities not congratulating the voters for a great turnout? America is waiting, but for now my thanks will have to do.

Thank you America for coming out Nov. 2, 2004 and voting. God Bless America!

KYLE GEIGER
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YOUR VIEW

If you could study anywhere in the world where would you go and what would you study?



"I want to go to Australia because I love the land there. I don't really know what I would study but it wouldn't matter as long as I could go."

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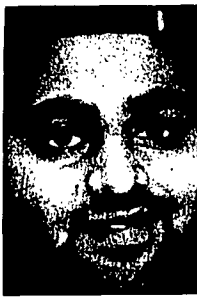
"I would go to London for a semester to experience a new culture. For the other semester I would go to California for the warm weather, ocean and to work on my tan."

Jenny Beckstrom
Speech/Organizational Communication



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Ryan Douglas
Accounting



"If given the choice and the chance, I would do computer science at MIT. I would like to go there because it is one of the best schools for computer science and I would love to learn it from the best."

Kshitij Ray
Computer Science



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Matt Morrow from a hazardous materials response team out of Olathe, Kan., finishes clean-up efforts of an oil spill at 5th and Walnut streets yesterday. About 600 gallons of used motor oil was spilled after an act of vandalism Monday morning at White Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge.

Spill cleaned; culprit sought

By AARON BAILEY
Community News Editor

Cleanup efforts were completed yesterday after approximately 600 gallons of oil were deposited outside White Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep early Monday morning.

A hazardous materials response team out of Olathe, Kan., finished the cleanup at a creek between the blocks of 4th and Walnut and 5th and Walnut around 3 p.m. yesterday.

According to Public Safety Director Keith Wood, the potentially dangerous act of vandalism occurred between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. Monday. There are currently no suspects and no leads.

Public Safety was notified of the incident at 8 a.m. after Tim White, owner of the dealership, discovered that a hose was cut and valves were opened on two 500-gallon drums of used motor oil, one at full capacity and the other less than half full.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources was notified soon afterward and the Region H Hazardous material team from St.

Joseph arrived around 4 p.m. Monday and contained the spill.

City Manager Matt Chesnut said the city will not have to pay for the clean-up, but rather White's insurance company or, if caught, the vandals.

"It's not going to be an easy clean-up," Chesnut said. But there are companies that can handle this."

Tim White, the owner of the car dealership, has made plans to secure the oil drums to prevent future incidents.

Chesnut said that White's efforts were above and beyond what he was required to do.

"We've had nothing but cooperation from Tim," Chesnut said. "He's been on the ball, and the clean-up went as fast as it did because of Tim."

There was a similar incident that occurred last December at Swede Ready Mix and Construction, but Public Safety believes the oil spills were unrelated.

Anyone with information about the vandalism should contact Public Safety at 562-3209.

Holden issues executive order for flu shots

By JARED HOFFMANN
Chief Reporter

An executive order issued by Gov. Bob Holden will help guarantee flu vaccinations for priority groups ahead of others.

The order, issued Nov. 4, states that health care facilities are required to administer flu vaccines to individuals designated by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The recommended priority groups were issued to the public when the flu vaccine shortage initially occurred. According to Dick Dunn, Department of Health and Senior Services director of development, Holden's order will make sure the priority groups receive the vaccine as orders continue to arrive.

"Shipments of influenza vaccine are continuing to be sent to Missouri and we are working to

ensure that we get as much vaccine as we can to meet the needs of our high-risk residents," Dunn said. "While it will take several weeks to receive all the vaccine we ultimately will get, we are making progress toward that end."

The priority groups stated in Holden's executive order are as follows:

- All children aged six months to 23 months
- Adults over age 65
- Individuals age two to 64 years with chronic medical conditions
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Children age six months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy
- Health-care workers involved in direct patient care

•Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children under the age of six months

Virginia Murr, assistant director of the University Health Center, said that the order will help reinforce the priority groups, but she does not see violations as a problem.

"This is just a way to make sure the vaccines are administered to the priority groups," Murr said. "We will continue to cooperate fully with CDC guidelines."

Dunn said the executive order is a step toward preparing for the upcoming flu season.

"The Department of Health and Senior Services will continue working closely with CDC vaccine manufacturers, and local health agencies to assess the impact of this shortage on Missouri and to continue communicating with Missourians on how best to protect themselves from the flu this season," Dunn said.

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World War II POW is quick to credit other heroes for victory, glory

grandfather is still reluctant to share his story. Even then, he's clearly more comfortable hunkered over a world atlas, describing the tiny northeast German town where he spent six months in a POW labor camp, than he is willing to discuss the implications of his service.

It was 1944 when a 24-year-old Sandford, then a Detroit, Mich. truck driver and traveling musician, received his draft notice. Albeit reluctantly, left then-fiancee Mary Jane and was shipped overseas, traveling throughout Belgium and Luxembourg as an Army infantryman. While camped along the Mosel River, Sandford's sleeping unit was captured by the German army. He eventually ended up with fellow allied forces

at a POW camp in Dargun, and worked to cut timber for fuel. While the labor was strenuous, the situation could have been far worse.

"We weren't mistreated, but we weren't treated, either. There was no Baskin Robbins or anything like that," he said. "We didn't have anything against those guys. They were just doing their jobs."

Months later, an influx of Russian refugees overtook the camp, liberating Sandford and fellow soldiers. He returned home, and, with the GI Bill, pursued his doctorate, and resumed a normal life into which his war experiences didn't factor.

Yet, in so many years of marriage, Mary Jane

can only recall a few times Sandford has spoken of his service. They should be acknowledged more often, she says.

"He should be proud of what he did," she said. "It shows people there's more to life than making money; that there's other duties out there in this world. I'm sure the boys going off now know this."

Still, Sandford insists that his actions were not that of a man who did as he was asked.

Others, he said, gave far more than six months. "I've gone to those military cemeteries, and I've seen those crosses or those stars, a whole lot of them," he said. "It still makes me feel glad to be alive."

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Iraq war veteran, Northwest freshman returns back to his pre-war life

people, so I couldn't show it."

After graduating from Plattsburg, Mo. High School in 2000, Cox decided to join the army to gain some technical experience in construction. Like the rest of the nation, his world changed on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I just remember sitting in the mess hall and everybody was watching the TV," Cox said. "Not a word was spoken."

Cox was stationed in Fort Carson, Colo. where the military's North American Aerospace Defense Command is located.

"Those first couple of days there was a lot of fear that we were a target because of NORAD," Cox said. "We were all on high alert for a month, maybe longer. I'm not sure, but it was a long time."

On March 15, 2003, Cox was sent to Iraq.

Five days later, the U.S. began the invasion.

Cox was stationed in Iraq for a full year, and out of the approximately 120 soldiers in his unit, three did not get the chance to return home.

A day when he learned about the death of a friend and fellow soldier sticks out in his mind.

"We were all just sitting around when my (battalion commander) came in covered in blood, and it wasn't his," Cox said. "He told us about it. We just sat in silence."

Now Cox is in the National Guard and in his first year at Northwest, planning to major in physical therapy. Spending his time with his girlfriend, a Northwest senior, and running for the track team are just some of the ways Cox is returning to civilian life.

But Cox is reminded that there is still a

chance he could be called to active duty again.

"I would go back (to Iraq), but I wouldn't want to," Cox said. "I'm so far behind in school my friends from high school are already graduating. But I would—it's my job."

Cox is constantly surprised at the reaction he gets since returning from the war.

"It's a great feeling, people will just walk up to me and shake my hand and say 'thank you,'" Cox said. "And when we came back we had a welcome home at the gym (in Fort Carson). Everybody stood up and started clapping—it brought tears to my eyes."

And since his experiences overseas, Cox has found new meaning in Veterans Day.

"Veterans Day, July Fourth—they're both different now," he said. "It just means a whole lot more to me now."



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Fifth-grader ropes in funds

By JESSICA SCHMIDT
Missourian Reporter

Carrie said.

For the past two years, Tanner has been the top contributor. On Nov. 5 he raised between \$1,500, and it only took him 30 days. Tanner, along with the other kindergarten through sixth grade students, raised approximately \$5,000.

"Which is the most we've ever raised in my entire career," said Gina Scott, a physical education instructor with Northwest and Horace Mann, and organizer of the Jump Rope for Heart event said.

Scott has been working with the American Heart Association for more than 20 years, but has been at Northwest for the past six years.

Scott said that the program has consistently gained ground every year she has organized it.

"The first year we did it here, we came up with a few hundred dollars and it has just gone up from there," Scott said.

Scott said that on average, each student that participated raised \$65 to \$70.

"We try to make it a fun day for the kids. The community has been really great about giving back," she said.

Prizes from the American Heart Association were handed out to students that participated, along with other prizes from community members such as T-shirts and posters from the athletic department.

Tanner has had two surgeries so far, with his first surgery at five weeks. He will have to have one more within the next year or two.

Tanner currently has a donor pulmonary artery that stretches as he grows, because of this it has to be replaced every few years. Hopefully he will only need one more surgery after the one he has coming up.

As for Jump Rope for Heart, Tanner already has his goal for next year. He wants to raise \$2,000.

"I think it's important to raise money for it," he said.

Scott believes that Tanner's situation can help others in his classes realize the importance of donating.

"With Tanner Sparks having his heart condition, it really shows the other kids where this is all going to," Scott said. "It's really neat that they get that first hand look at that."

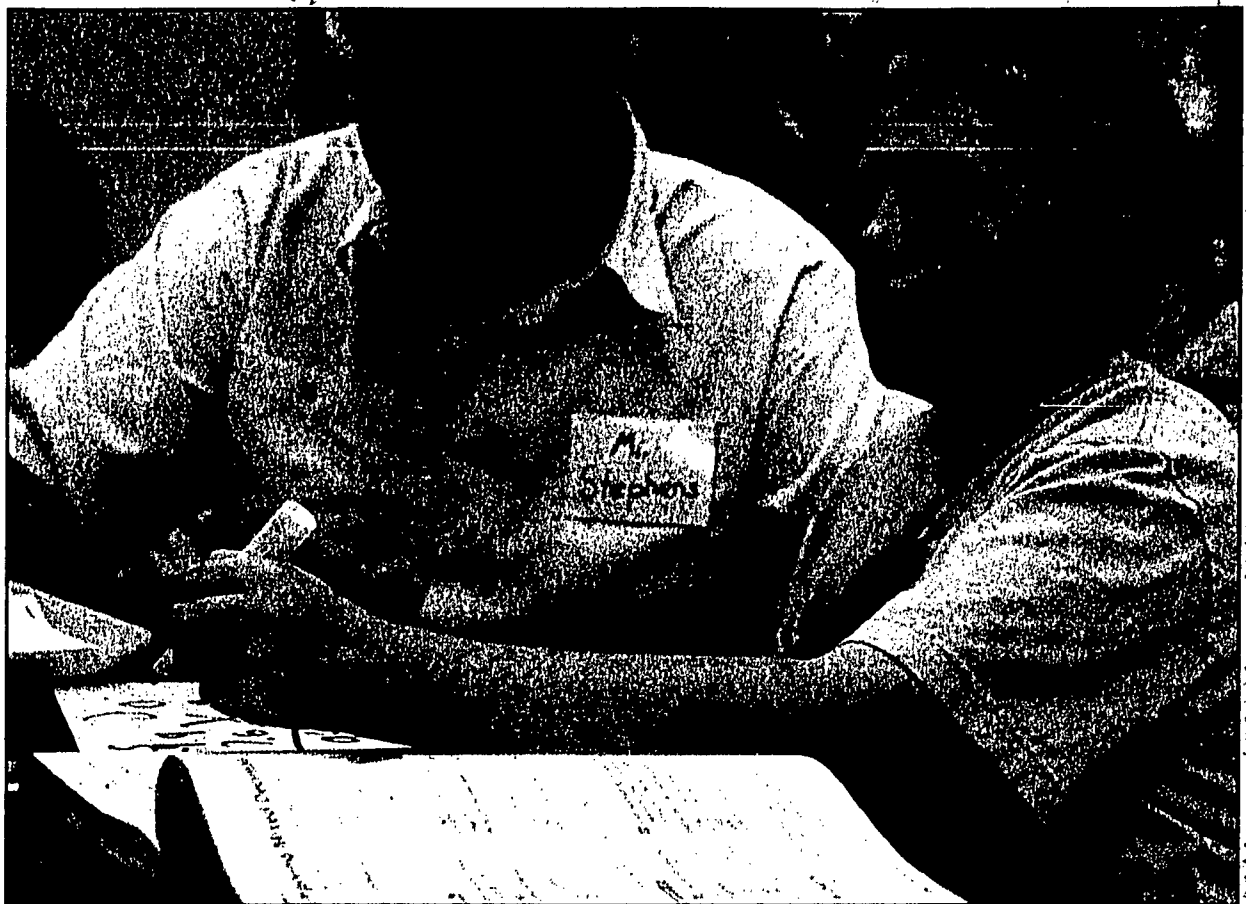


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Eleven-year-old Tanner Sparks not only learns math in his fifth-grade class, but he calculated a total of \$1,500 for the American Heart Association as part of this year's Jump Rope for Heart. Sparks, along with his Horace Mann classmates, raised \$5,000 altogether this year.

Student media win Pacemaker awards

By SARAH SWEDBERG
University News Editor

Winning a Pacemaker Award to Northwest's Student Publications means they have garnered prestige that comes with winning the Pulitzer Prize.

Once you've reached the Pacemaker with schools like Auburn, Iowa, Georgetown, Wake Forest, State etc. It means you're in a good company, that our students are up there with the legends of college journalism," said Laura Widmer, assistant professor of mass communication and student publications advisor.

With the 2004 Northwest Missourian Online newspaper and the Tower yearbook received the Pacemaker Award at the Associated College Press/College Media Association Fall Convention Nov. 6 in Nashville, Tenn.

"I think it's awesome that we finally made the Web site reach my expectations of what a Web site should look and feel," said Josh Hutson, Northwest Missourian Online newspaper. "Especially since all my co-workers have put in a lot of time this semester. It's great."

Compared to previous years, Hutson said this year's online newspaper is one of the best, and the look of it is comparable to professional newspaper Web sites.

"I think our partnership with KZLX and KNWT as well as the addition of video and audio really sets us apart from the rest, especially with incorporating flash media," he said.

These awards, Widmer said, shows the diversity of Northwest's Student Publications program as it is one of the only two schools in the U.S. where its yearbook and online newspaper received the award.

Tom Rolnicki, executive director of the Associated Collegiate Press, said the Pacemaker has a long history associated with it that dates back to 1927.

"It's considered the top prize for college journalism," he said. "It really means that they're among a very select and elite group of student media."

He added that recipients of the award are scattered throughout the United States and Canada, and they come from either small to large and public or private universities and colleges.

The online Heartland View travel magazine was also nominated as a Pacemaker finalist this year.

Being named as a finalist means a publication is considered in the top 2 percent of all online publications.

"This shows the dedication, the talent, the skills and the sacrifices made by not only the editors, but the staffs of these publications," Widmer said. "It's great to see this hard work has paid off in such a prestigious award."

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Student activity fee awaits Board of Regents approval

Another concern that Student Senate addressed included ensuring that students' opinions were heard on uses of the activities fee.

"This is the students' money, and as Student Body President, I feel it is incredibly important to make sure students have an input in what their money is going toward," Cornett said.

With the consent of both Student Senate and the President's Cabinet, the next step for the Student Activities Fee is approval from the Board of Regents.

"It is now prepared to answer the questions of the board has," Porterfield said. "I think it's a good proposal and hopefully we've got some answers."

Overall, Porterfield says the Student Activities Fee proposal is well thought out and, through these additional dollars from the fee, it could do some good things for student life.

The next Board of Regents meeting date has not been set, but sometime before the end of this fall trimester, Cornett hopes to meet the board with the proposal.

If the activities fee passes, Student Senate would create a new Student Activities Committee that Cornett said would not just be made up of Senators.

Instead, its members would be appointed by Student Senate. The committee could consist of on and off-campus

students and other campus organization members.

"So that we have an equal representation or an equal as possible representation of students," Cornett said.

The committee's responsibilities would include conducting a survey every semester that pulls different interests that students have, just so that all students have the chance to give a little bit of input. Then, the committee would submit a proposal to the Campus Activities Office of a year's worth of programming which they would do a year in advance.

"The proposal is not something the Campus Activities Office will have to follow strictly, but it will have options, Cornett said, and it's just an idea of what the students want."

Last year, he said that the activities fee was advertised more as a fee to bring in just the big concerts.

"That's not the case," he said. "Yes, we are going to get a little higher grade of entertainment including bands and performers, but we also want to provide a lot more activities, just general smaller activities on campus whether it would be laser tag outside or more events for Thursday Nights at the Union."

With the increase of students' involvement in activities on the weekends and in night activities, Cornett said the fee would provide a better quality environment for students.

"It just creates a culture that makes people want to stay on campus," Cornett said.

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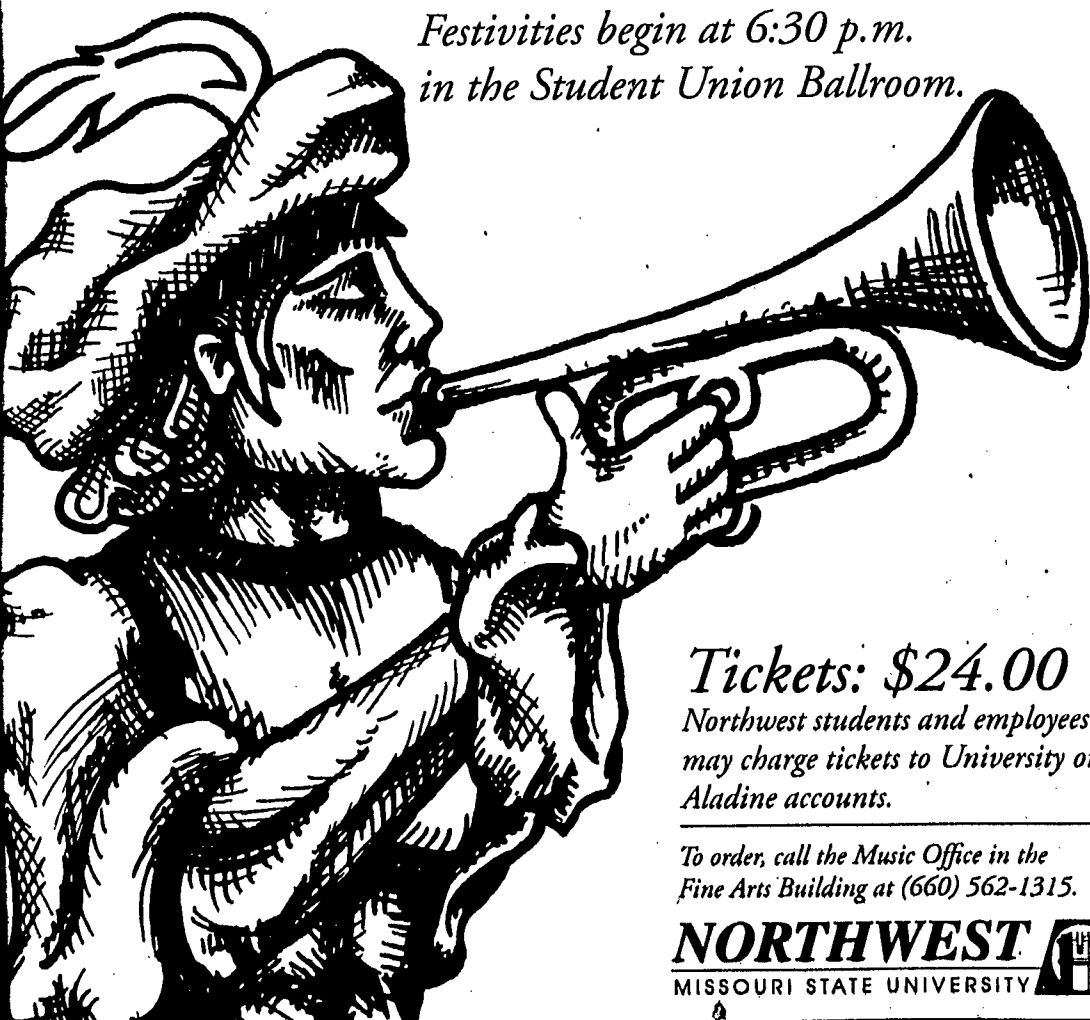
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Studying abroad can open up a world of possibilities

By STEPHANIE STANGL
Features Editor

Boarding the plane, he is torn between both excitement and nervousness but remains oblivious to how his life is about to be forever changed.

Because he wanted to be more independent and see the world, Scott Shannahan decided to study abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico, a city 50 miles south of Mexico City—once in fall 2003 and then again in summer 2004.

Shannahan, a senior Spanish education major at Northwest, decided that being immersed in the culture of the country was one of the best ways to learn the language.

"Mexico was almost a different world," Shannahan said. "It was a surreal experience. I am from Kansas City, so Maryville is really small to me. Going to Mexico was definitely the change that I needed."

Although Melissa Elliott, a graduate student at Northwest, studied abroad in London in summer 2003, her decision to venture to a foreign country was more spontaneous.

"My friend Sally and I were taking her dog for a walk when we decided that we needed a change," Elliott said. "We decided right there and then that we were going to London for the summer to experience something different."

Richard Fulton, professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science at Northwest, is responsible for bringing the Missouri-London exchange program to campus. He encourages college students to take advantage of the opportunity to travel to a foreign country.

"It broadens your whole world outlook," Fulton said. "It exposes you to other people and how they see the world. It ends up being a kind of maturing process."

An additional benefit of studying abroad is how it enhances a resume and augments employability.

"You are competing in the marketplace for your first job and then for a promotion within that job with students that have studied abroad," Fulton said. "So you should also study abroad to remain competitive."

Though most financial aid should transfer toward studying abroad, students are still standoffish about the prospect because costs can reach several thousands of dollars.

Students should not let money be the determining factor, because many scholarships and grants are available, Fulton said. The cost of tuition abroad should also be comparable to what a student is currently paying at Northwest.

"Financing the trip is often a key problem for students," Fulton said. "There really appears to be very few drawbacks because of the huge benefits

you get from studying abroad."

Shannahan stayed with a host family that substantially reduced boarding costs. At first he was cautious of spending too much, but by the end of the trip money became no object because he knew he had to relish every minute, for he was uncertain when he would ever have such an experience again.

Contrasting with this, Elliott chose to live in a flat in a building full of Missouri college students, costing substantially more. She guesses that her trip totaled an excess of \$10,000 with all costs considered, but she also has already paid all her loans back.

Although it took some time to get comfortable, it didn't take both of them long to realize they were in the same boat as all the other exchange students.

"You have to break out of your comfort zone if you want to make friends and survive," Shannahan said. "You have to stop caring about how you appear to others."

Shannahan took the equivalent of 12 credit hours while in Mexico and said that besides having more homework to do everyday, the classes were basically the same as they were at Northwest. Elliott said the highlight of the academic part of her trip was a three-week class on international business.

At some point in the trip, both students were forced to take a step back and really evaluate themselves. Gradually, emotional and intellectual transformations began to take place.

"I was forced to figure out what I believe and my views on the world," Shannahan said. "I really learned about myself while I was abroad."

Elliott agrees that studying abroad is a life altering experience. "Seeing what's out there and realizing that something completely different than your small world in Maryville is a real shock," Elliott said.

Returning to the United States was like being snapped back into reality for Shannahan when he realized some things had changed and he had slowly grown apart from most of his friends.

"Coming back was very tough," Shannahan said. "I was depressed because I got used to the culture of the country and it got frustrating having to deal with the change."

Elliott had a similar experience. "Going home was happy and sad at the same time," Elliott said. "I was happy to see my family and friends. But then I began to think of all the memories that I had made and the fact that you just can't wake up tomorrow morning and do things like travel to another country like I could do when I was in London."

Fulton wants students to be aware that most study abroad programs are not honors-based and often accept students with GPAs as low as 2.5. The only requirement is that the student is serious about studying and learning.

Fulton has some last-minute advice for students who are considering studying abroad.



"Make sure you get your passport early," Fulton said. "Most students don't realize that when you apply for it, you don't get it the next day. Also, prepare and find out a little bit about where you are going and what the expectations are."

Every time she wants a subtle reminder of how her life was for a short while, Elliott wears a faded t-shirt that she picked up in London and reminisces about the great times she had studying abroad.

In Shannahan's bedroom, a map of Mexico adorns the wall, outlining the paths he traveled down during his stay. At the same time, a puppet gunman he named "Poncho" sits upon his dresser, serving as a playful reminder of how much fun he had on his trip and the lasting memories he made.

"Everyone should try out studying abroad," Shannahan said. "There's never going to be another time in your life besides college where you will be able to spend an extended amount of time in a foreign country."

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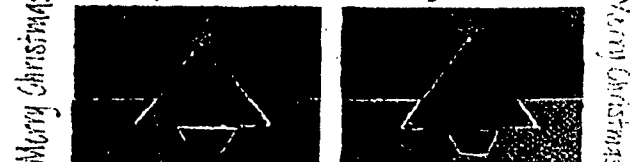
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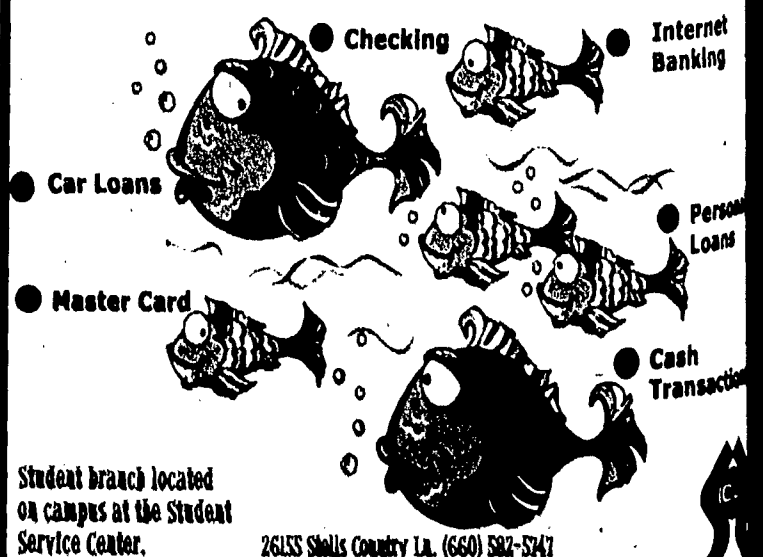
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Junior Austin Meyer, center, gets tangled up with Missouri's Jimmy McKinney (right) and senior Jason yesterday as they battle for a rebound during the first half. Northwest, while still becoming the first team to take a lead over the Tigers in their new arena.

'Cats drop game to Tigers; first team to lead in new arena

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Throw the Northwest basketball team into the Division I record book. Despite losing 90-60 to the University of Missouri-Columbia, the Bearcats became the first team to ever take the lead in the brand new Paige Sports Arena.

With 10:09 left in the first half, a three-pointer by Bilal Clarence put the Bearcats up 19-18. The Tigers quickly responded with a 10-0 run and never looked back after that.

Clarence's basket marked the end of a 17-5 run for the 'Cats after they trailed 13-2 to start the game.

"I thought we got some things out of it, which I'm happy about," North-

west head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "I thought we were able to execute long enough that we got some good things out of it."

The Bearcats cut it to eight points at one point with under five minutes left in the first half and only trailed by 13 points going into halftime.

A 12-4 run to start the second half by the Tigers allowed them to go up by as many as 30 points in the game. Northwest had 11 turnovers in the second half after only six in the first half.

"They geared it up, I mean they're good," Tappmeyer said. "They geared up and made us rush some things. We had some looks. I think fatigue was a part of it, even though we played a lot of people, I think they wore us

down a little bit."

Northwest only trailed by 15 points midway through the second half before the Tigers went on a 17-2 run to take a 30 point lead.

Junior Austin Meyer led the way for the 'Cats with 14 points while true freshman Joel Osborn followed right behind him with 11 points.

"I felt really comfortable and relaxed," Osborn said. "I think we came out right away, we wanted to establish ourselves and let them know they weren't going to push us around."

Linas Kleiza scored 23 points to lead the way for Missouri, while Thomas Gardner added 19 points. The Tigers had 11 three-pointers in the game, including four from Gardner. "It was just a zone that I was in

tonight," Gardner said. "It's part of being confident in yourself and your teammates having confidence in you."

Although Northwest was only out rebounded by 37 to 33, the players think there is room for improvement.

"(We need to do) a better job of rebounding," Meyer said. "We didn't do a very good job of rebounding defensively, obviously. I mean there was a lot of stuff, we've got to put it all together."

Northwest now heads back home to face William Penn on Tuesday night at Bearcat Arena for the regular season opener.

"I think we're just going to build off this and take it to next week and hopefully we'll come out and perform a little better next week," Osborn said.

Women's squad full of fresh faces

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

Northwest women's basketball starts a new season on Sunday with a new look.

Coming off a 24-7 record last season, the 'Cats are looking to six upmen and 12 freshmen to lead the way back to the MIAA conference championship.

"We have to have really good leadership from our upperclassmen," said Gene Steinmeyer said. "I think it's a question of whether we're going to have good leadership, it's more of a question of if the team will accept that leadership and how they're going to take it."

The team lost nine starters from last season and this season is going to be a challenge to figure out how the team will work together.

"It's kind of a fun year in a way that the personality of the team is going to change," Steinmeyer said. "Now we're quick, we know we're pretty good shooters. We

don't know what kind of inside game we're going to play or how good defensively. We might be like the Chiefs, we might have to outscore people."

Senior Ashely Poptanycz sees this year as a new challenge and believes that the freshmen are going to be a good addition to the team.

"This is a completely different team, but we have enough talent here to do that again (go to the conference tournament)," Poptanycz said. Steinmeyer also believes that the freshmen are going to have an influence on the team, and he feels that the team has the ability to go back to the MIAA tournament.

The goal of any season is to get to the conference tournament," Steinmeyer said. "The big thing is, if we can get to the conference tournament, the freshmen are no longer freshmen. The trick is getting them to that point so we can get into the tournament."

The 'Cats will start the season off with an exhibition game against the University of Missouri on Nov. 12. Please see 'Basketball' on B4

Bearcats look for revenge in playoffs

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

After the loss to Pittsburg State, Northwest football team still got what they wanted: a first round playoff game at home.

Northwest received the No. 2 seed in the Division II football playoffs. The playoffs were announced on Nov. 8.

No. 2 seed means Northwest will have a first round bye and won't play until Saturday, Nov. 20, when they play host to either the University of Texas A&M or Southeastern Oklahoma State.

"It's really exciting, we get to play in front of our home crowd," said defensive tackle Steve Williams. "Our families are going to be there a lot more comfortable on the field."

Northwest is unsure of who they will face at home because Kingsville and Southeastern Oklahoma will not play until Nov. 13th. The winner of that game will play Northwest the following week.

Both the Kingsville Javelinas and the Southeastern Oklahoma Savages are out of the Lone Star Conference. No. 3 Kingsville brings an 8-1 record into the playoffs while No. 6 Southeastern Oklahoma brings in an 8-2 record.

Kingsville won their conference for the 26th time in the school's history. They have been in the national semifinals the past two seasons. The Savages, on the other hand, are returning to the playoffs for the first time since 1989.

Kingsville is more of a running team, whereas Southeastern Oklahoma is more of a passing team.

The Javelinas have three rushers in the top five. Please see 'Football' on B2

Gorillas, turnovers result in Northwest's first loss of season

Northwest drops game to Gorillas for the first time in eight seasons

By COLE YOUNG
Sports Editor

In the third quarter Saturday, it was like the Northwest vs. Pittsburg State game was shaping up to be a battle.

The Bearcats, who were working to win their third-string quarterback, led the No. 1 ranked team by three points.

Things would have just been a win. Northwest fell to the top-ranked Pittsburg State 17 in front of 25,542 fans at Arrowhead Stadium.

For Pittsburg State, it was their first victory over the Bearcats in eight years.

Even with the win, Gorillas head coach Chuck Broyles doesn't see what the big deal is about beating Northwest.

"You guys put way too much stock in this," he said. "I've told other teams in the conference that if they concentrated on winning some games instead of beating Northwest, they might win eight or nine every year."

"We don't dedicate our season to beating Northwest Missouri and having bonfires," Broyles said.

The head coach is quick to remind that things weren't always this way.

"Unfortunately, we've lost to Northwest Missouri a few times. Now that we've beaten Northwest Missouri, if you want to go back, how did Northwest do against us in '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96?"

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Broyles and company did not have the game in hand until Netolicky had a pass intercepted in the end zone by Gorilla cornerback Jeremy Neville.

Running back Xavier Omon was in intended receiver on the play and said a series of mistakes led to the interception.

"When we got back to the sidelines he said thought I was the only one there," Omon said. "At first I thought it was overthrown so I came back for the ball, but it ended up going long so I just tried to make a play on it."

The Bearcats trailed 7-3 at the half after Northwest kicker Luis Berlanga made a 26-yard field goal.

On the Bearcats' first play from scrimmage in the second half, Omon scored on a 47-yard run to give them

a 10-7 win.

Their lead would not last long, the Gorillas responded with a seven-play, 80-yard scoring drive led by backup quarterback Andy Majors to regain a 14-10 lead. Majors who was 6 of 9 for 95 yards and rushed six times for 27 yards.

"We have to bounce back, it was a tough loss for us, but we're still alive," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdma said. "I've said that all along that this isn't the playoffs. Both teams are still alive. Only one team can win the conference championship and they did that, so that's done."

On the day, Northwest was held to 325 total yards while allowing Pittsburg State 587 total yards.

Omon was the leading rusher for either team, tallying 160 yards on 22 carries.

Spoofhounds have 30-point quarter, overcome 17-point deficit on their way to quarterfinal round.

By BRENDAN KELLEY
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville Spoofhound football team rebounded from a 17-point first quarter deficit Wednesday night to come back and win their first playoff game since 1996, 36-31 over the Center Yellowjackets.

Center came out firing from the very beginning. Sean Thornton ran the opening kickoff back 85 yards for a Yellowjacket touchdown.

The 'Hounds responded with 6:53 remaining in the first quarter. After a defensive stand on a fourth and five the 'Hounds took over on their own 39-yard line and senior quarterback Josh Wilmes fired a 61-yard touchdown pass to Syd Brisbane. The two point conversion failed making the score 7-6.

Wilmes was 4-of-13 on the night with 91 yards and one touchdown.

The Yellowjackets marched back down the field only to be stopped on the Maryville 25-yard line, but on fourth and eight kicker Alec Chambers added a 43-yard field goal making the score 10-6.

With 51 seconds left in the first quarter, Maryville fumbled the ball and Center recovered. With 41 seconds left the Yellowjackets took advantage of the turnover when Darren Davis hauled in a 53-yard touchdown pass, to make the score at the end of the first quarter 17-6.

"We really shot ourselves in the foot a lot tonight on offense," Coach Paul Miller said. "We're not finishing the things off that we need to finish."

The momentum began to shift when Colby Chesnut recovered a fumble on the 49-yard line with 9:55 left in the second quarter.

Chesnut had a big night offensively as well with 12 rushes for 102 yards.

"I just tried to do what was asked of me," Chesnut said. "The



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Myles Burnside runs into a pack of Yellowjackets Wednesday night at the 'Hound Pound. The Spoofhounds came back from a 17-6 deficit, on their way to the sectional win. In the second quarter alone, Maryville scored 30 points. They face Richmond at home Monday.

line blocked great tonight."

After a 44-yard run from Brisbane, Wilmes snuck into the end zone from the five yard line. After another failed two-point conversion the 'Hounds still trailed 17-12.

The 'Hounds finally took the lead 20-17, with 6:20 remaining in the second quarter with a four-yard touchdown run and a two point conversion from Chesnut.

A failed onside kick left Center with excellent field position. With 3:46 left in the second quarter the Yellowjackets took the lead again 24-20.

The 'Hounds put on a show in the last minute of the second quarter. With 1:07 remaining, the 'Hounds found the end zone again with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Wilmes to Vandiver. The two point conversion was good and

the 'Hounds regained the lead 28-24.

With 48 seconds left on the clock Josh Wilmes intercepted a pass and ran it back 45 yards for the score. The two-point conversion was good making the half-time score 36-24.

The Yellowjackets refused to die and marched 99 yards to the end zone to make the score 36-31 with 6:55 remaining in the third

quarter.

There would be no scoring in the fourth quarter and the 'Hounds walked away with the 36-31 playoff victory.

"This was our first playoff win since '96," said Wilmes. "Hopefully we can carry this momentum on."

The 'Hounds will face off next against Richmond on Monday at The 'Hound Pound.



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Josh Wilmes and Skyler Vandiver make a tackle Wednesday night against Center. Maryville won the game 36-31.

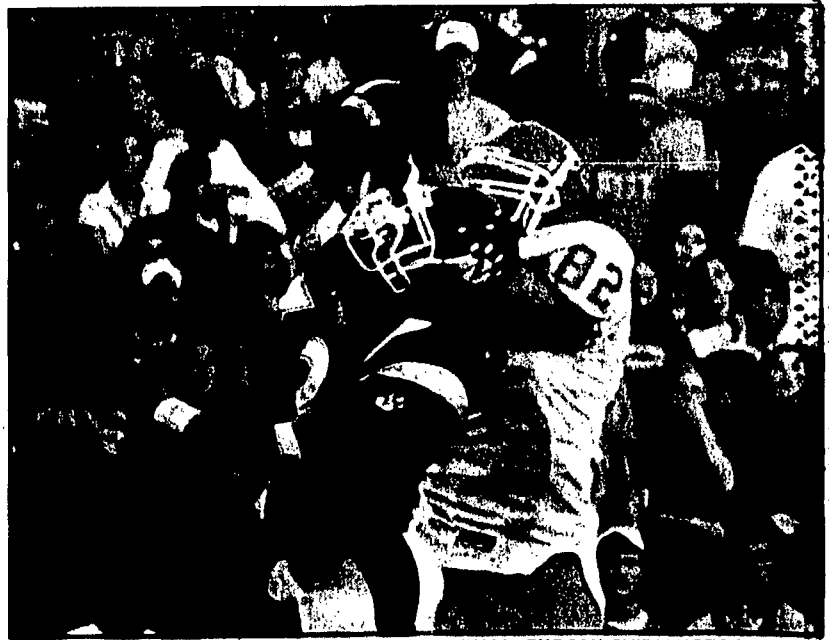


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Pittsburg State receiver Brandon Twido makes a catch in the third quarter against Northwest. The Gorillas went on to win the Fall Classic at Arrowhead 31-17.

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Bearcats prepare for either team, next opponent to be determined

Larry Williams (666 yards), Ryan Beard (409 yards) and Ray Miller (153 yards). Their quarterback isn't bad on his feet either, as Daniel Taylor has rushed for 138 yards. He averages 224.2 passing yards per game and has 16 touchdowns on the year.

"Kingsville is a very physical team and probably a little bit more run emphasis although they throw the ball pretty well," Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "They've got some unbelievably talented athletes."

The Savages, on the other hand, have a Harlon Hill candidate (an award given out at the end of the season to the most valuable player in the nation) in Drew Beard. Beard has thrown for 2,727 yards and 22 touchdowns while running for 626 yards and nine touchdowns.

"Southeastern Oklahoma is a team that builds their whole offense around their quarterback," Tjeerdsma said. "Everything that I've heard about him, I'd say he is very comparable to Josh Lamberson. He's that type of

player."

Another concern for the Bearcats is their secondary. Their cornerbacks gave up big plays on Saturday to Pittsburg State, including a crucial 62-yard pass and a 51-yard touchdown.

"We just have to look at things and this is going to be a good week for us to go back to some fundamental stuff," Tjeerdsma said. "It's more personnel than anything, we have to do a better job than what we're doing back there. We're not getting the kind of play that we need to be."

Linebacker Chad Botswick, cornerback Gabriel Helms and quarterback Josh Mathews, who have been fighting injuries, all should be back in action for the playoffs.

"At this point we don't have any doubt about those guys being back," Tjeerdsma said. "This will give (Helms and Botswick) a chance to rest a little bit. Hopefully Josh Mathews will be ready to practice (Wednesday), if not, he'll be ready to practice on Thursday."

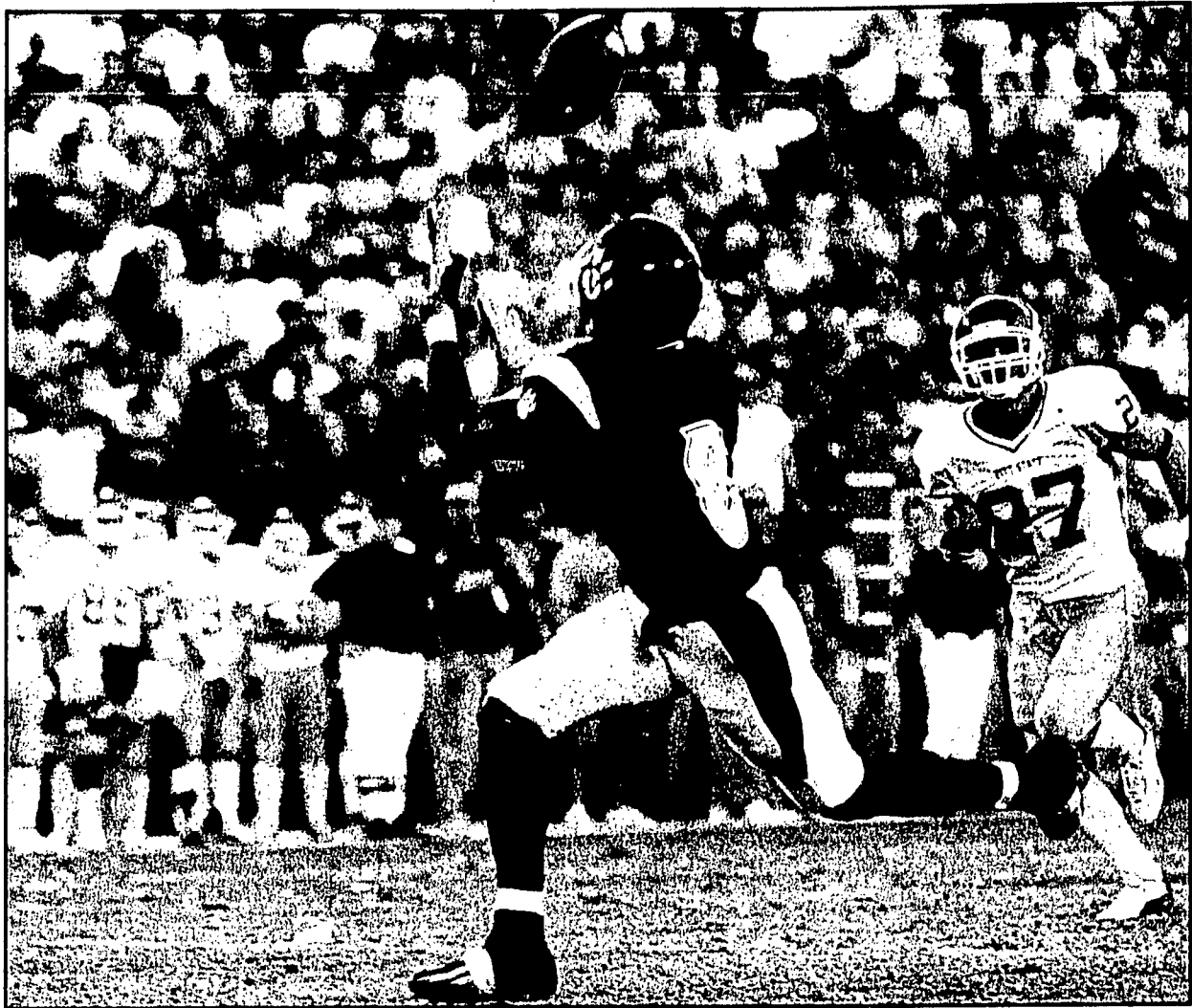


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Wide Receiver E.J. Falkner hauls in a 64-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter of the Fall Classic at Arrowhead III. The touchdown put the Bearcats in the lead, but it would not last long. Northwest dropped the game 21-17, their first loss to the Gorillas in eight years.

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Gorillas earn first victory over Bearcats in last 8 seasons

Although Broyles attempted to downplay the victory over Bearcats, starting quarterback Philpot did not.

"(It's a) pretty sweet feeling," Philpot, who completed 11 passes for 265 yards and rushed four times for 43 yards on a slightly injured left ankle. "After being hit four of those (seven consecutive losses and seeing another one) was in high school, it's great to get that monkey off your back, as the body wants to say."

"Like I said, the Red Sox have a streak this year, and we didn't feel we couldn't do it, either."

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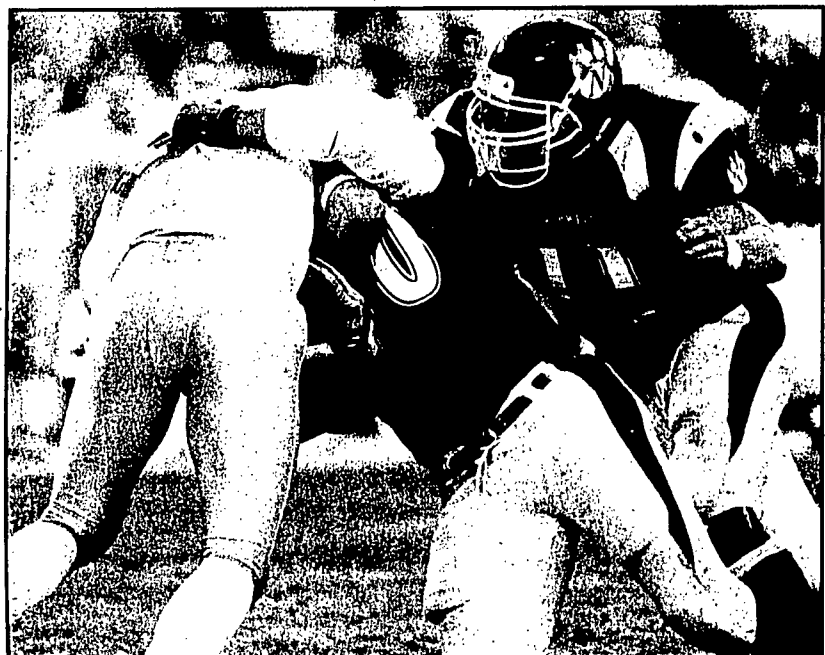


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Senior linebacker Adam Long (right) was named the MIAA's Defensive MVP by the coaches earlier this week. Pittsburg State's Neal Philpot was named the offensive top player.

Long headlines list of All-MIAA players named from Northwest

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — The two qualifiers from the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association for the NCAA Division II playoffs combined for 17 of the 25 first-team selections on the 2004 All-MIAA Football Team as voted by the conference's coaches.

MIAA champion Pittsburg State (11-0, 9-0 MIAA) had seven players earn first-team recognition, while runner-up Northwest Missouri State (10-1, 8-1 MIAA) had nine make the top squad.

Each school had a player earn Most Valuable Player honors as well. PSU senior QB Neal Philpot repeated as the Offensive MVP, while Northwest senior LB Adam Long was the Defensive MVP selection.

Philpot has the MIAA's top passer rating (202.9) and is fourth in the conference in rushing yards (98.3 ypg) and total offense (266.2 ypg).

Long had 71 tackles on the regular season, and led the MIAA in tackles for loss (1.45 per game).

Both teams had two players earn unanimous first-team honors. Pittsburg State had senior OL Nathan Baker and junior OL Chad Weeks make it on each ballot, while the Bearcats had senior Jamaica Rector earn unanimous honors at both wide receiver and kick returner, while junior DL Steve Williams also was on each coach's ballot.

Gorilla head coach Chuck Broyles was named the MIAA's coach of the year for his work in leading Pittsburg State to their conference championship.

Both Pittsburg State and Northwest earned byes into the second round of the newly-expanded 24-team NCAA Division II playoffs. Their first action will be Nov. 20.

Good to see some things don't change at Pittsburg State

It's the same story every year. After the Northwest-Pittsburg State game, there is one prevailing theme: excuses.

Last season it was Pittsburg State coach Chuck Broyles' turn. He went on and on about how he didn't know if he wanted to even make the playoffs.

Surprise, surprise, he's at it again.

Broyles pulled off his first win against Northwest since Bill Clinton's first term as president, and now he's downplaying it. Instead of admitting it is a huge win for his program, he brushes it off.

The only problem with that is, judging by the Super Bowl-like celebration going on following the game, it was in fact a big win for

the Gorillas.

If he wanted to celebrate, everyone would have understood. Heck, he should have celebrated, it likely gave him a few years more of life at Pittsburg State before fans reverted back to calling for his head.

I guess you could say he really got the Gorilla off his back, or not. "You've got it wrong," Broyles told another reporter. "No, I got a big Bearcat off my back. I don't even know what that means."

Are you kidding me? The Go-

Out of Bounds



Cole Young

rilla, or Bearcat in his case, would be that nagging thing that finds a way to come away victorious even when according to Pittsburg State fans, "Northwest has much less talent."

For once, Northwest probably did have less talent on the field.

That is where the excuses come back into play.

Here's an excuse.

If Northwest had their starting quarterback or even second-string

quarterback, the Bearcats would have won the game. Either of the starting cornerbacks at the beginning of the season, healthy, Northwest would have had a much better chance. Northwest doesn't get a huge call deep in their Gorilla territory. In the first half, Northwest would have needed just a field goal to last drive.

The list could go on and on. It's hard to say the top-ranked in the conference got lucky when beat Northwest.

There is one thing you can be sure of. If these two teams face each other again in the playoffs, the result will not be the same.

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First Team Offense

Neal Philpot, QB, Pittsburg State
Xavier Omon, RB, Northwest
Germaine Race, RB, Pittsburg St.
Jamaica Rector, WR/KR, NWMSU
J.J. Richard, WR, Emporia St.
Cole Drussa, TE, UMR
Nathan Baker, OL, Pittsburg St.
Chad Weeks, OL, Pittsburg St.
Earl Jack, OL, Western
Brad Schneider, OL, Northwest
Chase Ward, OL, CMSU
Luis Berlanga, K, Northwest

First Team Defense

Steve Williams, DL, Northwest
Michael Cobbins, DL, Western
Adam Melchiar, DL, Emporia St.
Ryan Meredith, DL, Pittsburg St.
Casey Warlop, DL, Pittsburg St.
Adam Long, LB Northwest
Chad Miller, LB Pittsburg St.
Troy Tysdahl, LB Northwest
Gabriel Helms, DB Northwest
John McPherson, DB CMSU
Vernard Veasley, DB Pittsburg St.
Ulexis Williams, DB SBU
Joel Mathews, P, Northwest

Second Team Offense

Josh Lamberson, QB Northwest
Kegan Coleman, RB CMSU
Lee Thompson, RB CMSU
Sam Sissom, WR Washburn
Delanie Walker, WR CMSU
Bill Noll, TE Western
A.J. Weber, TE Truman
Jay Fleeman, OL CMSU
Jordan Wilcox, OL Northwest
Kris Dornan, OL Pittsburg St.
Rudy Su'e, OL Washburn
Mark Talbert, OL SBU Texas
Brandon Starks, K CMSU

Second Team Defense

Andrew Jeffries, DL Emporia St.
Trey Lewis, DL Washburn
Marques Salmond, DL Western
Dave Tollefson, DL Northwest
Josh Lattimer, LB Pittsburg St.
Tony Matzke, LB Western
Jason Vanloo, LB CMSU
Tony Gray, DB Western
Jeremy Neville, DB Pittsburg St.
Chris Peoples, DB Emporia St.
Fletcher Terrell, DB Washburn
Jay White, P Western

All-MIAA Football

Other Northwest members on the Honorable Metnion Squad

Andre Rector WR
Morris White WR
Mike Tiehen DL
Kyle Kaiser DL
Keith Holden OL
Chad Bostwick LB

Final MIAA Standings

Pittsburg State 9-0
Northwest 8-1
Washburn 6-3
Central 5-4
Southern 4-5
Emporia St. 4-5
Western 4-5
Rolla 2-7
Truman 2-7
SW Baptist 1-8

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The national top 25 as voted by Division II coaches

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2. Albany St. (Ga.)
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8. Winona St. (Minn.)
9. Michigan Tech
10. Shippensburg (Pa.)
11. East Stroudsburg (Pa.)
12. Arkansas Tech
13. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
14. North Dakota
15. Grand Valley St. (Mich.)
16. South Dakota
17. St. Cloud State (Minn.)
18. Tuskegee (Ala.)
19. Central Oklahoma
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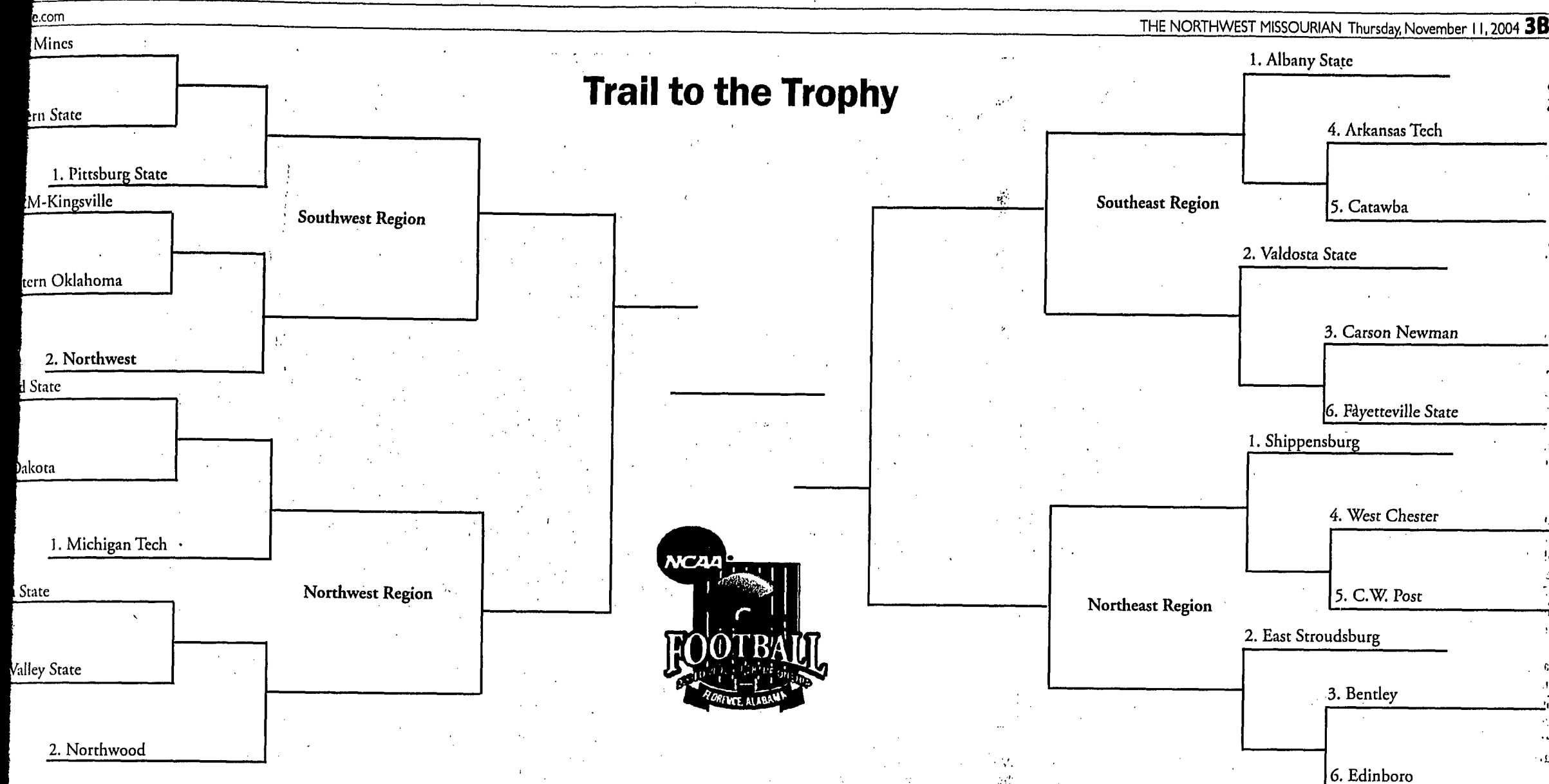
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Location: Shippensburg, Pa.
Enrollment: 7,500
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Colors: Blue and Orange
Coach: Rocky Rees
Regular Season Record: 10-1
National Rank: 10
Leading Passer: Tony Gomez
Leading Rusher: John Kuhn
Leading Receiver: Pat Ferguson

No. 1 Michigan Technical University
Northwest Region

Location: Houghton, Mich.
Enrollment: 6,536
Mascot: Husky
Colors: Blue and Yellow
Coach: Bernie Anderson
Regular Season Record: 9-1
Leading Rusher: Lee Marana
Leading Passer: Dan Mettlach
Leading Receiver: Kirk Williams

No. 1 Albany State University
Southeast Region

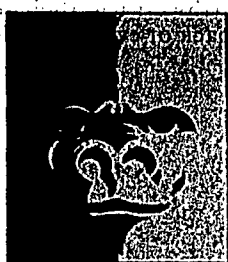
Location: Albany, Ga.
Enrollment: 3,150
Mascot: Ram
Colors: Blue and Gold
Coach: Mike White
Regular Season Record: 10-0
National Rank: 2
Leading Passer: Uyl Joyner
Leading Rusher: Antwan Andrews
Leading Receiver: Alvin Jackson



Southwest Region

Pittsburg State University

Location: Pittsburg, Kan.
Enrollment: 6,537
Mascot: Gorilla
Colors: Red and Yellow
Coach: Chuck Broyles
Regular Season Record: 11-0
National Rank: 1
Leading Passer: Neil Philpot
Leading Rusher: Germaine Race
Leading Receiver: Jermaine Carpenter



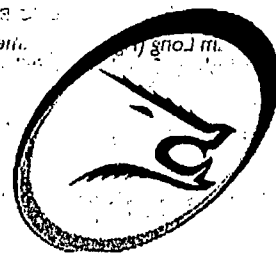
No. 2 Northwest Missouri State University

Location: Maryville, Mo.
Enrollment: 6,500
Mascot: Bearcat
Colors: Green and White
Coach: Mel Tjeerdsma
Regular Season Record: 10-1
National Rank: 4
Leading Passer: Josh Lamberson
Leading Rusher: Xavier Omon
Leading Receiver: Jamaica Rector



No. 3 Texas A&M Kingsville

Location: Kingsville, Texas.
Enrollment: 5,900
Mascot: Javelina
Colors: Blue and Gold
Coach: Richard Cundiff
Regular Season Record: 8-1
National Rank: 6
Leading Passer: Daniel Taylor
Leading Rusher: Larry Williams
Leading Receiver: M. Washington



Colorado School of Mines

Enrollment: 3,500
Mascot: Orediggers
Colors: Silver and Blue
Coach: Craig VanHorn
Regular Season Record: 10-0
National Rank: 25
Leading Passer: Drew Beard
Leading Rusher: Drew Beard
Leading Receiver: Tank Boulware



No. 5 Midwestern State University

Enrollment: 6,480
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Record: 10-0
Leading Rusher: Ross Harrison
Leading Passer: Rahsaan Bell
Leading Receiver: Andre Kelsick
Coach: Bill Maskill



No. 6 Southeastern Oklahoma

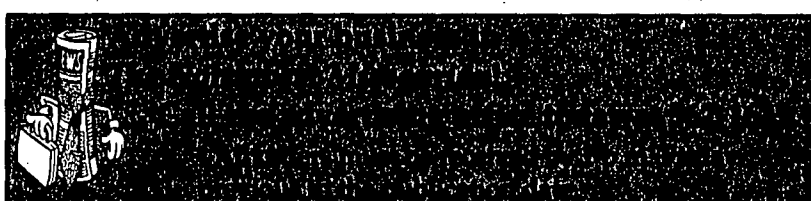
Location: Durant, Okla.
Enrollment: 4,072
Mascot: Savage
Colors: Red, Black and White
Coach: Keith Baxter
Regular Season Record: 8-2
National Rank: 25
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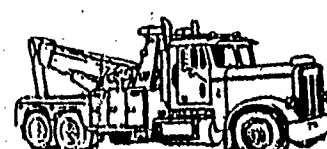
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Men do better than expected, place 6th in regional meet

By BILLY BURNS
Missourian Reporter

The season ended with a mixture of success and disappointment for the Northwest men's cross country team.

The Bearcats took sixth at the NCAA Division II South Central Regional held in Joplin, Mo.

Entering the meet, Northwest was picked to finish ninth.

"We were really in position to do better at this meet but we had one of our better runners get sick," Coach Richard Alsup said.

Bryan Touney, Matt Pohren, and Drew Wilson were all running near the head of the pack when Touney began feeling sick.

"I don't know what happened, I just know my breakfast came up on the fourth mile," Touney said.

Wilson and Pohren continued on without Touney and finished 13th

and 17th, respectively.

Brandon Dart, Brad Trede and Jeff Kanger rounded out the top five for the Bearcats.

Abilene Christian University (Texas) won the meet, paced by individual winner Nicodemus Naimadu.

Wilson finished in 32:35, seven seconds behind the 11th place finisher, Trent Joseph of Angelo State University (Texas). Had he beat Joseph, Wilson would have moved on to the national meet.

Alsup considers the season a success.

"Youth was against us, but it didn't seem to make a difference, we were very competitive in all the meets," Alsup said. "We can definitely graph our season and see us getting better and better."

Pohren felt good about his season.

"I'm usually consistent but this year was a better consistent than last

year," Pohren said. "There has been a couple races, including this last one, that I wanted to do better in."

Now that the cross country season is over, Alsup's runners will begin practicing for track.

"All of them run track," Alsup said. "I don't recruit just cross country runners or just long-distance runners for track."

Touney believes the Bearcats could be a force in the coming years, but acknowledges that it will take some work.

"We all know that if we work hard we can reach our goals," Touney said. "It is possible to have a really strong team in the future."

Alsup feels the team must continue to work and improve.

"I certainly feel good about having these guys returning, but if any one of them forget how they got there, then we're in trouble," Alsup said.

Bearcats season ended at the hands of Bulldogs, finish with four victories

By KRISTINE HOTOP
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest women's soccer team turned in their jerseys Sunday after dropping their last regular season match 3-1 to conference rival and MIAA champion Truman State.

The Bulldogs grasped a late lead in the 31st minute and brought the score up 2-0, 10 minutes into the second half.

Junior Katie Flower put the 'Cats back into the game and also picked up her first goal of the season in the 75th minute.

Truman followed closely behind and finished the game off of a corner kick with 10 minutes left in the game.

"We were playing the third-ranked team in the country, we tried prolonging their scoring opportunities as long as possible and make it difficult for them to get the ball through us," head coach Tracy Cross said. "We let a goal 10 minutes into the second half when we didn't seem to be playing up; that didn't help us much."

Overall, the 'Cats finished the season with a record of 4-16, going 3-11 in the MIAA.

"We took on a strong conference this year plus teams that took first in their conference such as Nebraska-Omaha and Winona State," Cross said. "To go into the season with a young team and a rough schedule, we are automatically fighting an ongoing battle."

Traveling proved to be a downfall for the 'Cats as they hit the road when playing highly-ranked teams. Adjusting the away schedule is important to Cross, because she believes that the girls always play better and more in-

tensely at home. The opportunity to provide fans with home wins is a priority for next season, along with more focus on the program's recruiting.

"Of course, our goals for next year are to have a winning season at home. We were 4-5 at home this season, so that's very attainable," Cross said. "We got to see that we can come back from a rough week from Truman, Nebraska-Omaha and Emporia and come back to win against Missouri Southern. It was a rough week, but those results show that's how we should be playing all the time in every game."

Sophomore Beth Gutschenritter added a duo of records to her name, including total points in a season with 18 and most shots in a season with 98. The previous holders were Rory Okey with 17 points, and Janel Wegehaupt with 48 shots, both in 2000.

The most assists in a season category was formerly held by three different Bearcats. Renee Judd and Okey in 2002 and Emily Perkins in 2003 had four assists each. New this season, freshman Marty Trummer led the team with six assists, setting the new school record.

Gutschenritter and Trummer both tied the assist record in a single match with two against Central Missouri, respectfully. Trummer achieved the amount in two additional matches, Missouri-Rolla and Augustana.

The squad broke a pair of records as a team with most assists in a season. They stepped up one assist to 17 from 16 in 2002 and with help from Gutschenritter, most shots in a season with 297 from 238 in 2000.

"Beth came out and made an impact setting records in both goals and

shots," Cross said. "Marty also set some as a freshman and that's impressive."

At home, the 'Cats collected a total of four victories, each against Central Missouri, Missouri Southern, Augustana and Missouri-Rolla. Out of the 10 players who made it in the books for a goal, eight of them got their opportunity at home.

"I am impressed with the play at home, we have had our whole back line score (at home)," Cross said. "It was good to see everything fall into place this season. We can only try for more next year."

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'Cats head to Ames for first game of season

Iowa State Cyclones in Ames on Sunday.

"It's fun," Steinmeyer said. "Bill Fennelly is a great coach and a great guy to have us in there. He appreciates all basketball. We're looking forward to going back into that setting again."

The 'Cats will remain on the road through Monday night when they travel to the University of North Dakota to take on the pre-season ranked No. 7 Fighting Sioux at 6 p.m.

Andy Timko can be contacted at (660) 562-1224.

Bringing the pain



PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOT

Abby Stephens (background) of Alpha Thugs and Marsha Jennings of TNT collide during the women's intramural flag football game. TNT won the game 6-0 on a passing play with only one play left in the game. Intramurals continue throughout the upper

Showalter earns American League s Atlanta skipper wins National League

NEW YORK - Bobby Cox was voted NL Manager of the Year on Wednesday for leading the rebuilt Atlanta Braves to a record 13th straight division title, and Buck Showalter won the AL honor after his Texas Rangers went from also-ran to contender.

Cox received 22 first-place votes and 10 seconds for 140 points to win easily. Tony La Russa of St. Louis, who has won four manager of the year awards, was second with 62 points, and Jim Tracy of Los Angeles was third with 52.

It was the third award for Cox, who won in the AL with Toronto in 1985 and in the NL with the

Braves in 1991, the first year of Atlanta's record run.

Showalter kept Texas in the chase for a playoff berth until the final week of the season after four straight last-place finishes. He received 14 first-place votes, nine seconds and four thirds for 101 points, finishing ahead of Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire, who got 11 firsts, 11 seconds and three thirds for 91 points.

Showalter also won the award in 1994 with the New York Yankees. Gardenhire, who managed the Twins to their third straight AL Central title, finished second in the voting for the second straight sea-

son.

Atlanta was expected to do no better than third in the division after slashing its payroll. Pitcher Greg Maddux was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers. Vinny Castilla, who hit .300 in 1996-97 and finished 10th in the NL in 1997, lost 3-2 to Houston in the first round of the playoffs.

Despite trading away Rodriguez to the New York Yankees, Texas went 89-77, winning since 1999—and in the AL West behind Oakland, just three games out of first.

Grosse, Spader finish 22nd, 23rd at meet of the season, team finishes

By KYLIE MCDONOUGH
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest women's cross country team's season ended with a seventh place finish Saturday at regionals Saturday.

"I'm very pleased with how the season went," coach Scott Lorek said. "Our girls finished almost 100 points better than they did last season."

Senior Ashley Grosse and freshman Karah Spader were the two top Northwest finishers.

"Ashley finished up her career with what may have been the best race of the season for her," Lorek said of Grosse.

Just like at the conference meet Grosse and Spader ran together for most of the race. Grosse finished

22nd with a time of 23:22 and Spader followed right behind finishing 23rd with a time of 23:29.

"This was the last race of my career," Grosse said. "I feel really good, because I think I did really well. I think that I finished the best that I could have. I also believe the reason we ran so well was all due to coach."

Despite the complications that team faced all season, they stayed positive through it all. Junior Heather Brokaw's injury and a new coach are just a couple problems the team faced through the season.

"I was a little nervous on Saturday because of the injury I endured in the middle of the season," Brokaw said. "But I was pleased with how well the team along with myself did this past weekend."

Though many would consider having a new coach a beginning of the season, everyone on the team and looking forward to the future had in store for them.

"I liked the coach," Jessica Montesano said. "He's a great coach and was easy to talk to."

Other finishers were Dia McKee, Montesano, Emily Von Weihe, and

Through the ups and downs, the team endured all seasons kept a positive attitude and agreed that it was Lorek's coaching that enabled them to want to do well.

"I was excited about the season," Brokaw said of Lorek. "He's a coach I've ever had, and he enabled us to succeed through the difficult

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Sudhoff ends success with final trip to state

AARON NELSON
Missourian Reporter

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"It all depends where I end up, but I intend on trying out for the team," Sudhoff said.

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At that conference meet both Sudhoff and freshman Dawson Vorderbruegge brought home accolades. Vorderbruegge was the only male on the cross country squad.

While Sudhoff, one of only three girls on the team, placed 11th, which gave her second team All Midland Empire Conference honors.

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Heads up!



AP PHOTO
Kansas City Wizards defender Jimmy Conrad (12) heads the ball over Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder Marcelo Saragosa (26) during the first half at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Friday, Nov. 5. The Wizards defeated the Galaxy to advance on to the MLS Championship. They will play in the championships Nov. 14 in California.

Missouri High School Football Poll

CLASS 4:

1. Webb City 9-0
2. Camdenton 10-0
3. Holt 9-1
4. ST Clayton 9-1
5. Bonne Terre-North County 10-0
6. Ozark 8-2
7. Nixa 9-1
8. Raytown South 9-1
9. Carthage 9-1
10. ST LaDue 9-1

CLASS 3:

1. MICDS 10-0
2. Harrisonville 9-1
3. Oak Grove 9-1
4. Herculaneum 9-1
5. Richmond 9-1
6. Kaiser-School of the Osage 8-2
7. Maryville 7-2
8. KC Center 9-1
9. Platte County 8-2
10. Mountain Grove 8-2

CLASS 2:

1. Caruthersville 10-0
2. Jeff City-Blair Oaks 10-0
3. Monroe City 9-1
4. Montgomery County 9-1
5. California 8-2
6. Brookfield 9-1
7. Kingdom City-North Callaway 9-1
8. Cameron 8-2
9. Trenton 8-2
10. Lawson 8-2

CLASS 1:

1. Pierce City 10-0
2. Tipton 9-0
3. Salisbury 10-0
4. Gower-East Buchanan 10-0
5. Marionville 9-1
6. Perryville-St. Vincent 9-1
7. Alma-Santa Fe 9-1
8. Orrick 8-2
9. Greenfield 8-2
10. Marceline 7-3

MEC teams are bolded
Does not include Classes 5 & 6
Standings do not include Wednesday

Clemens receives 7th Cy Young Award of career, considers retirement

YORK (AP) — Clearly, around the major leagues was a career move for Roger Clemens.

dominant as ever after reversion to retire, the 42-year-old easily won his record seventh Cy Young Award on Tuesday after the Houston Astros within of the World Series.

received 23 of 32 first-place 140 points in balloting by all Writers' Association of becoming the oldest pitcher in the Young. Gaylord Perry was the won the NL award in

Clemens pitch in 2005 or fit quits?

st have to wait and see," he and of have a feeling on what to do and what the future

Clemens retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in the 2003 series, then changed his mind and signed with his homelands. He won his first nine deals finished 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts.

competitive fire still burns. said Tim Purpura, the Astros' general manager.

na's 41-year-old Randy Johnson was second to Clemens with five wins, was second in the balloting with eight first-place votes and 97

points. The Big Unit went 16-14 with a 2.60 ERA and a major league-leading 290 strikeouts. Arizona scored two runs or fewer in 17 of his 35 starts.

Houston's Roy Oswalt, who went 20-10 to lead the NL in wins, was third with 19 points, followed by San Francisco's Jason Schmidt with 13.

Currently in Japan with a touring major league all-star team, Clemens said he considers himself "99.9 percent" retired—what he said last year. He said he must decide whether to get his body into shape to pitch and whether he has enough time to be with his family—his oldest son, Koby, is eligible for the June amateur draft.

On days he didn't pitch, the Astros tried to allow him to work out at home as much as possible.

"I made the baseball and football games, but I still missed quite a few," Clemens said. "I tried not to spread myself too thin with my teammates."

Clemens is expected to file for free agency by Thursday's deadline. He didn't give a direct answer when asked whether Houston would be the only team he would consider pitching for.

"I would be surprised if he would play for someone other than the Astros," his agent, Randy Hendricks, said.

After getting to the team hotel in Japan, Clemens said he found out he had won about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday (11:30 a.m. EST Tuesday). He immediately called his mother.

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"I kind of teased her," he said. "I told her someone in Osaka called me at 1:30 in the morning and told her I was going to have to redo my fireplace."

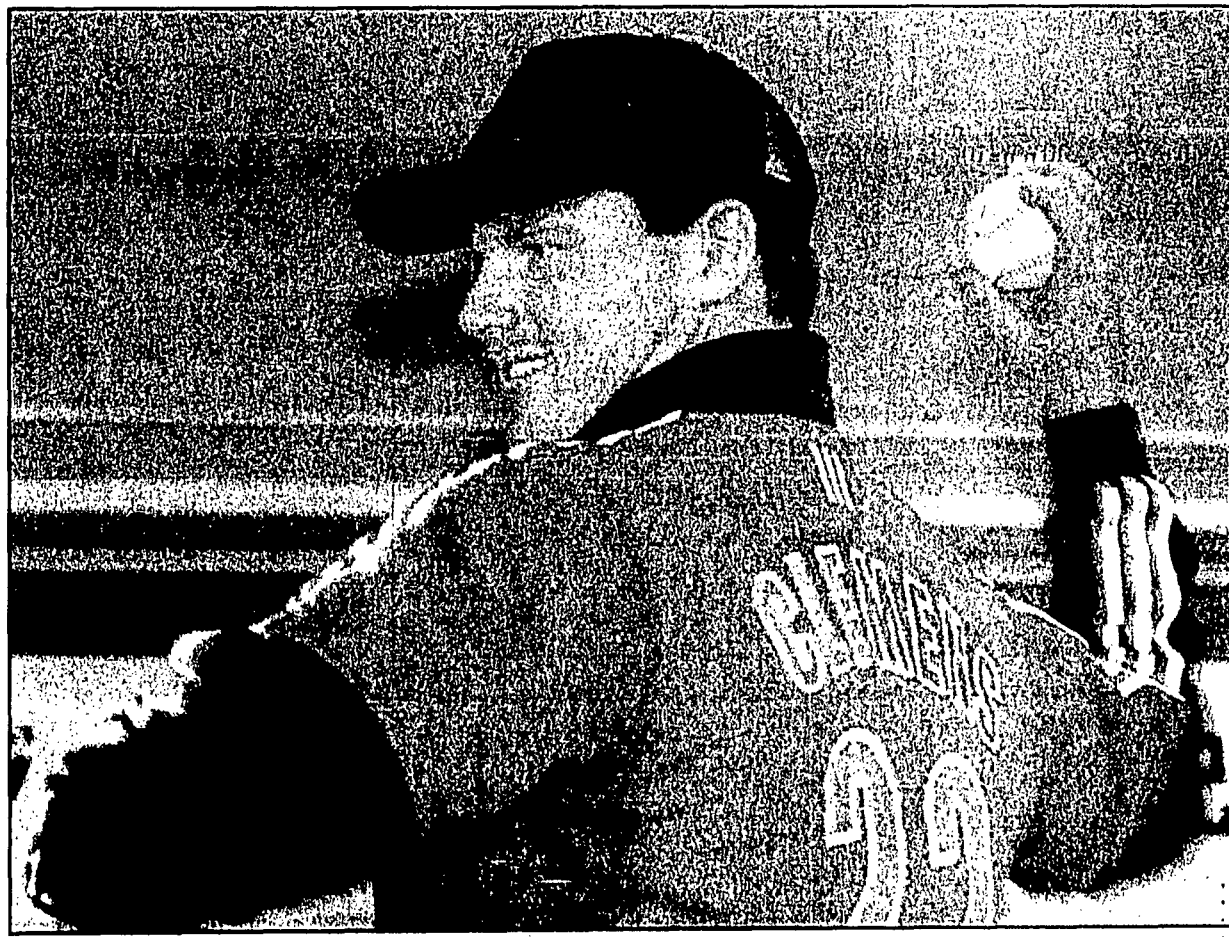
On the second floor of his house in Houston, where he has jerseys signed by all living players with either 300 wins or 500 homers, Clemens has his six prior Cy Youngs—all from the American League—arranged above the fireplace.

The health of his mother, Bess, will be an important factor in Clemens' decision to return or retire. She has emphysema, and he talked about wanting her at his Hall of Fame induction. His stepfather died when he was young, and his mother has been an inspiration.

"I don't want to speak to two empty chairs," he said.

Clemens won three Cy Youngs with Boston (1986-87, 1991), two with Toronto (1997-98) and one with the New York Yankees (2001). He is the first player to win BBWAA awards with four teams; the first to win eight awards—he was the AL MVP in 1986; and the fourth to win Cy Youngs in both leagues, joining Perry, Johnson and Pedro Martinez.

With a 328-164 record, Clemens is 10th on the career wins list, and his 4,317 strikeouts are second to Nolan Ryan's 5,714.



AP PHOTO
Houston Astros pitcher Roger Clemens shows his pitching form at a press conference for Adidas in Osaka, western Japan Wednesday, Nov. 10th. Clemens easily won his record seventh Cy Young Award Tuesday after putting off retirement and being about as dominant as ever, even at age 42. Clemens helped get the Astros their first playoff series win in the franchise's history.

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■ Don't sweat the small stuff.

I see it all the time, people freak out over the most ridiculous things. Whether you're stressed out over a homework assignment, some girl that doesn't know you exist or college drama, it's not worth stressing over. The fact of the matter is that if you think things through, manage your time well and cover your ass, then most things will work out. Don't stress over things you can't control, it's going to happen regardless of how upset you get. If something is meant to be, then it's meant to be. Don't force anything.

■ Take as many road trips as possible.

Whether you go to South Padre Island, Daytona Beach or the Lake of the Ozarks, cram into a car full of



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friends and get away. It'll be one of the best times of your life. Drink some beer, get some sun and flirt a little. These are the times you'll never forget...or never remember depending upon how much you drink. If you really want a trip that you won't forget, spend a little extra money and go all out.

■ Avoid Kansas at all costs.

Kansas is officially the most boring state in the world. If you ever have to drive to Colorado or any of the western states, you're better off driving around the state of Kansas. I'd rather jab something sharp into my eyes than ever have to make that drive again. By the time you get to the western part of the state, you find yourself getting ex-

cited if you can spot a tree. It's really pathetic.

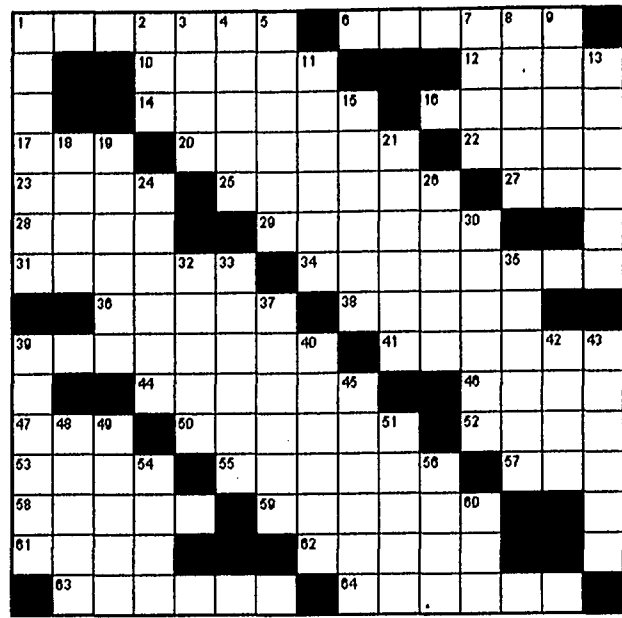
■ Nebraska sucks.

Their fans think they're the best team in the world, but after losing to Iowa State on Saturday, the Cornhuskers really don't have much to brag about these days. Take the time to make a Cornhusker fan feel really sad about their team. Chances are they'll bounce back next year and their fans will go back to being obnoxious. Now's the time Kansas, K-State, Iowa State and Missouri fans have been waiting for. Now is your chance to get even for years of torment from Husker fans.

You won't learn any of these things in the classroom, but they have become proven truths over the years. Have as much fun as an undergrad as possible. School's very important, but if you spend too much time worrying about it, you'll miss some of the things that make for a great college experience. The semester will be over before we know it, and some of your friends will no longer be here. Make the most of every moment you have.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. American tree having dark brown heavy wood
6. Roman general
10. The Hunter
12. Told an untruth
14. Lunatic
16. Arizona city
17. Haul
20. In a busy manner
22. Deprived of the sense of hearing
23. Hearing organs
25. Thoroughfare

27. Cereal grass

28. Ostrich-like bird
29. Adventurous expedition
31. Evening
34. Abandoned
36. Graph
38. Expressive of contempt
39. Manner of conducting oneself
41. Takes by theft
44. Barked
46. Male name
47. Inquire of
50. Mistake
52. 10 cents US
53. Transmit
55. Climbs

57. Consume

58. Experiment
59. Implement for cutting grain
61. Separate by a sieve
62. Lubricate again
63. Tentacle
64. Tediousness

Down

1. Radiators
2. Disparaging term for English immigrants to Australia or New Zealand
3. Bedouin
4. Nasal cavity
5. Raises
7. Sledge
8. One who points

9. Refund
11. Nigerian currency
13. Guard against assault
15. Long narrow openings
18. Island of Hawaii
19. Twist suddenly
21. Pines for
24. Walk nonchalantly
26. Distinguishing characteristic
30. In fact
32. Roof overhang
33. Notes alternating rapidly with other notes
35. A special loved one
37. Themes
39. Explosions
40. Mend
42. Capital of Peru
43. Rough design
45. Melodious
48. Letter cross-line
49. Cutting instrument
51. Black tea
54. The day of the month
56. Moved smoothly
60. Biblical high priest

See answers on page A5

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Nov. 23 **Scum Of the Earth**
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Nov. 20 **Newsboys**
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Dec. 2 **A Static Lullaby**
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Nov. 26 **Renee Austin**
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